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ent board, a body which enjoys in large measure the confidence of the people.

In 1902 Mr. Wildes was married to Florence McCue, who is a daughter of T. W. McCue, of Akron. Fraternally Mr. Wildes belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John, and to the Elks. He is a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church.

HON. CHARLES A. DAVIS, mayor of Cuyahoga Falls, and proprietor of the largest grocery house in the city, was born at Canastota, Madison County, New York, January 19, 1856, son of George M. and Sarah J. (Hale) Davis.

His paternal grandfather was Samuel Davis, a native of New Jersey, but of Welsh parentage, who came to this county at an early day. This Samuel Davis died in Lennox Township, Madison County, in 1850, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, having moved from New Jersey to Lewis County, New York, in 1828. He was a farmer by occupation.

Samuel's son, Aaron, grandfather of Mayor Davis, was born in New Jersey, sixteen miles from Brunswick, about 1808. Previous to his marriage he moved to Lewis County, New York. At the age of eighteen he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed until the death of his wife, when he went West, to Des Arc, Prairie County, Arkansas, where he became the owner of 1,200 acres of land. In 1850 he wrote saying that he would return home in the spring, if nothing happened to prevent him, but that was the last news received from him. He married, in Auburn, New York, August 25, 1825, Rachel Merritt. They had four children, of whom three grew to maturity, namely: Mary, who is now deceased; Samuel, and George M.

George M. Davis was born in Lewis County, New York, and came to Cuyahoga Falls in the spring of 1866, being for some years after coming here in the employ of L. W. Loomis. In January, 1875, he returned to New York with his family, afterwards returning to the Falls, where he and his wife now live retired. They have two children, Charles A., whose name begins this sketch, and Frank J., who is a resident of Larned, Kansas. Politically George M. Davis is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles A. Davis completed his literary education in the High School at Cuyahoga Falls, and then worked for several years on a farm, which he left to enter the printing office of the Cuyahoga Falls *Reporter*. In 1875, when his parents returned to New York, he accompanied them and remained there for three years, later returning to Cuyahoga Falls. Subsequently he worked as a printer on the Akron Daily *Tribune* for a year, or until its suspension. He continued in journalism a while longer, accepting a position with the Oil City *Derrick*, at Oil City. In the latter part of 1879 he returned once more to Cuyahoga Falls and entered the Jones Bros.' grocery store as a clerk. Two years later, on the firm's going out of business, Mr. Davis opened a store of his own and conducted it for eighteen months, after which he resumed clerking. He had long been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and when President Cleveland entered upon his second administration, Mr. Davis was appointed assistant postmaster. At the close of his term in that office he purchased the Cuyahoga Falls *Reporter*, which journal he conducted with marked ability for six years.

In November, 1903, Mr. Davis sold the newspaper and bought his present grocery store, from H. E. Wells. He now conducts the largest grocery trade in the town, besides which he has other important business interests, being a director in the Cuyahoga Falls Savings Bank, also in the Falls Savings and Loan Association and in the Elgin Butter and Ice Cream Company, and a member of the Finance Committee of the Cuyahoga Savings Society. He has been a strong political factor for many years, and was elected Mayor of Cuyahoga Falls on the Democratic ticket, assuming the duties of the office January 1, 1906.

Mr. Davis was married to June E. Laughead, a daughter of Carlisle B. Laughead of

Middleport, Ohio. Mrs. Davis died in 1903, leaving two children, Leslie L. and Frank A. Mr. Davis is a member of Star Lodge, No. 187, F. and A. M. A patriotic and enterprising citizen, he keeps the public welfare ever in view, and his official acts have been fraught with beneficial results to the community.

HIRAM STUMP, the owner of 175 acres of excellent farm land in Franklin Township, was born on his present farm, in an old log house, in Summit County, Ohio, September 18, 1842, and has made his home on this property all of his life. He is a son of John A. and Mary (Grove) Stump.

Michael and Mary (Ashway) Stump, the grandparents of Hiram, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in wagons, with their five children, crossing the river at Pittsburg, by way of the ferry. They settled in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, Ohio, in the dense woods, and here two more children were born. Nine years later, while assisting a neighbor to raise his house, Michael Stump was accidentally killed by a log falling on him. His widow, who was left in straitened circumstances, reared her children as best she could. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years.

When he reached manhood John A. Stump returned to Pennsylvania, where he learned the cabinet-making and carpenter trade with his uncle, John Stump, with whom he worked three years, during which time, in 1832, he was married. One month after his marriage he took his young wife back to Stark County, Ohio, to his mother's home. In 1833 they came to Franklin Township, Summit County, and located on the present farm of Hiram Stump, he purchasing eighty acres of section 13, school land, from the Government. On this farm, which had been partly improved, had been erected a log house and barn, but in 1845, Mr. Stump erected a brick residence, and a substantial barn was built by him in 1851. Here Mr. and Mrs. Stump spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring at the age of seventy-nine years, and hers in her sixty-sixth year. In political matters Mr. Stump was a Democrat, and he served his township for some terms as trustee. The name of the lady Mr. Stump married was Mary Grove, and they became the parents of five children: Alpheus, who died January 2, 1907, aged sixty-nine years; Eliza, deceased, who was the widow of Eli Stout, who died in the army; Hiram; Mary Margaret, who died at the age of four years; and Lucinda, who died in infancy.

Hiram Stump was reared to manhood on the home farm, from which the longest period he has ever been absent was a six-weeks' visit in Pennsylvania.

While attending the district school, where he had good teachers, he helped to clear the home farm from stones and brush and when he began farming it was with the scythe, the cradle and other crude implements, before the introduction of modern farm machinery. Although Mr. Stump has retired from active work on his farm he still oversees general operations. Like his father, he is a Democrat, and for nine years in succession served as township trustee. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Manchester.

On April 13, 1876, Mr. Stump was united in marriage with Emma Swigart, who was born in Stark County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel Swigart, and to this union one child was born, Loma Belle, who married Rolla A. Stump, son of Nathaniel Stump.

Mrs. Stump's father, Samuel Swigart, and mother, Anna Grubb, were the second couple to procure a marriage license after the formation of Summit County, the date being June, 1840.

ISAAC NERHOOD, a representative farmer and dairyman of Coventry Township, and the owner of ninety-eight acres of fine farming land, located about five miles south of Akron, was born on his father's farm in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1854, and is a son of Amos and Barbara Ellen (Landis) Nerhood.

Jacob Nerhood, the grandfather of Isaac, was a native of Pennsylvania and a soldier from Snyder County in the War of 1812-14.

His death occurred in middle life on his farm in Snyder County. Jacob Nerhood married Hannah Rigel, who died in 1877, aged eighty-five years. They had seven children: John; Daniel; Amos; Sarah, who married Isaac Musser; Sophia, who married Fred Haynes; Eliza, who married Jacob Snook; and Leah, who was the first wife of Isaac Musser.

Amos Nerhood, father of Isaac, was born on his father's farm in Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood, lived the life of a farmer and died in August, 1883, aged sixty-six years. He married Barbara Ellen Landis, who was born in Juanita County, Pennsylvania, where her father had been a pioneer. She died in 1902, aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Nerhood had nine children, as follows: Elizabeth, who was the wife of Edward Yetter; John Jacob, who resides in Pennsylvania; Lucy Ann, who was the wife of A. Romig; Melinda, who married Emanuel Page, resides in Snyder County, Pennsylvania; Daniel, who lives in Pennsylvania; William Howard, who lives in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; Isaac; Joseph, who lives in Coventry Township; and Hannah Louisa, who died at the age of three months.

Isaac Nerhood attended the district schools of his native locality, when opportunity offered but the greater part of his youth was spent on the home farm, at hard work. At the age of twenty-two years he went to Bellvue, Sandusky County, Ohio, where he worked on various farms for about four years, and then located in Summit County, where he worked in J. P. Kepler's saw mill and at farming for a period of fourteen years, also during that time doing some carpenter work. Having accumulated enough capital he purchased a small piece of property in Springfield Township, a tract of thirty-eight acres, which he secured from Mr. Austin Spicer, but after three years he sold this place and bought his present property, from Edward Kepler, his brother-in-law. This is considered one of the best farms in this section of the township, and here Mr. Nerhood carries on general farming and dairying, keeping for the latter purpose a herd of about fourteen cattle. The large, nine-room frame house was built by J. P. Kepler, while the barn was erected by John Stroman, an early owner. Coal has been found on the land in large deposits and much has been already mined.

On March 29, 1892, Mr. Nerhood was united in marriage with Clara Melinda Kepler, who is a daughter of J. P. Kepler and granddaughter of John Kepler, a well known pioneer of East Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. Nerhood have one child, Harvey Elmer, who was born on Decoration Day, 1899.

In political matters Mr. Nerhood is a Republican, but he has never cared for, nor sought public office. With his wife he attends the Reformed Church, to which faith the family has always adhered. Mr. Nerhood is one of Summit County's self-made men, having worked his way from a boyhood of humble circumstances to be a man of substance, solely through his own efforts.

JOHN WILLIAM KING, the owner and operator of an excellent farm of eighty acres, situated in Green Township, was born on his present property in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 15, 1878, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gougler) King.

William King, the grandfather of John W., was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and as a boy of sixteen years came to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He was married in Pennsylvania to Magdalena Stroub, who was born in Germany. When a child of thirteen years she came to America, penniless, and was hired out to work for strangers for three years and was married young. They became the parents of ten children. After marriage William King removed to the northern part of Coshocton County, Ohio, where he became a substantial farmer and good citizen.

Jacob King, father of John W., was born on his father's farm in Coshocton County, Ohio, January 20, 1837, and went to the old Millcreek Township log school-house for about three months each year in boyhood, then the Greenburg Seminary, and the Spring Mountain College, the latter a Methodist institution, thus obtaining an excellent education. For

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about one year he taught school in Whitley County, Indiana, and the next six years were spent as an Evangelical preacher, being on the Stark County circuit. Two years of this time were passed at West Austintown, Mahoning County, Ohio, two years in Stark County, and the last two years at Fairview, Pennsylvania, where he preached in German. When only seventeen years of age Mr. King had engaged in the mercantile business at Warsaw, Ohio, but gave this up in order to attend school. Later he spent many years in farming, having acquired 458 acres of land, which he divided among his children. He is now one of the highly esteemed retired citizens of Greensburg.

At the age of twenty-three years, Mr. King was married to Elizabeth Gougler, and to this union there were born four children, all of whom live in Green Township, namely: Mary, who married Henry Oberlin; Samantha; Emma, who married Jacob Boettler; and John William.

John William King attended the district schools, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He secured his property from his father, and its present fine condition proves his ability as a farmer. Mr. King erected his large house, barn, and other buildings after taking possession.

On January 14, 1900, Mr. King was married to Minnie B. Shaffer, who was born in Stark County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel and Louise (Good) Shaffer, residents of Summit County. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. King: Harvey, Maude and Clyde. In political matters Mr. King is a Republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Grange and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

OTIS K. VIALL, funeral director, whose business is located at No. 919 East Market Street, Akron, was born at Akron, in 1874, and is a son of John F. and Cornelia C. (Wheeler) Viall.

John F. Viall was born in Chautauqua County, New York, April 30, 1825, and was brought to Ohio by his parents, Bennett and Wealthy (Arnold) Viall, when five years of age. They settled in Springfield Township, Summit County, among the pioneers. John F. Viall learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed until 1866, at which time he engaged in undertaking. Later he was in partnership with his son, under the firm name of Viall & Son. He married Cornelia C. Wheeler, and their surviving children are: Frances, who married William Orendorf, residing at Akron; Laura, who married C. B. Macey, residing at Noblesville, Indiana; Edward W., a resident at Noblesville; and Otis K., of Akron. Both John F. Viall and his wife have passed away. He was a man of business honesty and enterprise, and he made the first coffins kept in stock in the city of Akron, an innovation at that time. He was a stanch Republican politically but was never disposed to be a politician. A number of the minor offices of the township he held because he was elected to them, but he sought no political honors. For many years he was secretary of the Middlebury Cemetery Association.

Otis K. Viall, upon completing his school education, became associated with his father in the undertaking business, and since the latter's death has had sole charge of it. He is a graduate of the Champion College of Embalming at Springfield, Ohio, and also of the Boston College of Embalming, of Boston, Massachusetts. His firm style is Otis K. Viall, funeral director and embalmer. He keeps in readiness all the paraphernalia incident to his business, and has an establishment which is modern in every particular. He is superintendent of the East Akron Cemetery Association.

In 1895 Mr. Viall was married to Daisy Shoemaker, who is a daughter of the late Cyrus Shoemaker, one of the old families of Northampton Township. They have one son, Earl Victor, who is a student of promise in the public schools. Mr. Viall and his wife belong to the Disciples Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.

CHARLES BIRGE WETMORE, whose finely improved farm of 100 acres is situated in Stow Township, is one of the representative men of this section. He was born on his present farm in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, September 14, 1848, and is a son of Silas and Mary (Birge) Wetmore.

The Wetmore family was founded in America some time during the Sixteenth century, by three brothers, Seth, Chauncey, and one whose name has been forgotten, who came from Wales. Seth Wetmore settled in Connecticut, and from him the Wetmores of Stow Township have descended. He had two sons: William and Titus. William Wetmore was elected the first justice of the peace of Stow Township, when it was yet a part of Portage County. In August, 1804, he was appointed clerk of the court, and removed to Ravenna, but not being satisfied with the empty honor of his position he resigned and came back to Stow Township, settling on the farm now owned by Charles B. Wetmore. The first township election was held at his home. He built the house now owned by the heirs of Orison M. Moore, cultivated 200 acres of land, and in every way was one of the leading men of his section. In his latter years he served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Judge Wetmore was married to Anne Ogden, and to them were born four children: William, Edwin, Clarissa and Henry.

Edwin Wetmore, grandfather of Charles B., received a part of his father's farm at the time of the latter's death, and for many years was engaged in business with his son Silas, whose death preceded his own by one year. For a long period he was a justice of the peace in Stow Township, having an office on his farm. In politics he was an ardent Whig in early life, later becoming a Republican. Mr. Wetmore died December 25, 1872, aged over seventy-four years. His first wife was Polly Wetmore, a cousin, who died August 11, 1843.

Silas Wetmore, father of Charles B., grew to manhood on his father's farm, and throughout his mature life was connected in business with his father, the partnership being dissolved by his death in 1871. He was a Whig and Republican, and during the Civil War was very active in securing men and means for the cause. He was a trustee of Stow Township, for a number of years. With the exception of Edwin Wetmore, who was a Methodist in his early years, the Wetmores have always been identified with the Christian Church, in which Silas Wetmore was deacon. He was married to Mary Birge, who was born in Connecticut and came to Ohio with her father, Dr. Simeon Birge, when ten years old. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore: Charles Birge, and Edwin S., both of whom reside in Stow Township.

Charles B. Wetmore was reared on the home place, and his education was secured in the district schools and the High School at Cuyahoga Falls. After a visit of one year's duration, in the West, he returned, in order to take charge of the farm, when his father became ill, and here he has resided ever since. Mr. Wetmore has demonstrated his ability as a capable farmer, and raises large crops of wheat, potatoes and corn, and has a silo 14x30 feet. He keeps on an average, twenty cattle, and ships his milk to the Co-operative Creamery of Stow Township, of which he is one of the large stock-holders, and which he was instrumental in founding.

Mr. Wetmore was married to Adeline Kelly, who is a daughter of John Kelly, a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, and to this union there have been born four children: Arthur S., who resides in Stow Township; Ida, who married Rev. D. W. Besaw, pastor of the Stow Corners Disciples Church; Jennie, who is the wife of Boyd Winch, of Akron; and Henry, who lives at home.

Mr. Wetmore is an independent Republican in politics. He has served as township trustee for twenty years and also has served as a member of the School Board. He and family belong to the Disciples Church at Stow Corners, in which he is an elder.

JAMES A. STETLER, a well known agriculturist, formerly of Springfield Township, but now residing in Uniontown, was born in

Union County, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1840, son of William and Salome (Reichley) Stetler. He is a descendant of John Stetler, who came to this country at an early date from Germany, settling near what is now New York City.

The next in ancestral line, Conrad Stetler, son of John, resided for a time in New Jersey, where he married. He afterward removed to Union County, Pennsylvania, where he became a wealthy farmer, owning 1,000 acres of fertile land in the heart of Dry Valley. Among his children was John (II), born in 1792, who married Elizabeth Roughert, daughter of Anthony Roughert, a native of Bucks County. This John Stetler, who was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a Whig in politics, taking an active interest in public affairs, and a deacon in the Albright church. He died September 9, 1868; his wife in October, 1876. They were the parents of nine children: William, Daniel, Mary (married Thomas Pursel), John, Isaac, Charles, Thomas, Andrew and Elizabeth.

William Stetler, son of John and father of James A. Stetler, was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1816. He was educated in the district schools, and remained on the farm until reaching the age of fifteen years. After working for some three years in a brick yard, he obtained employment on the construction of the public dams on the Susquehanna, at which he continued for five years, during the winters being occupied in shoemaking. He also ran a boat from Northumberland to Philadelphia. In 1846 he became superintendent of wood-work on the dams, which position he filled until 1848. In the fall of that year he removed to Summit County, making the journey in a covered wagon over the mountains, and by way of Pittsburg. Settling in Green Township on a farm now owned by his son James, he lived there until about 1891, when he moved to Stark County. He returned, however, and is now making his home with his son, the subject of this seketch. Formerly a Whig in politics, he became a Democrat in 1841. Mr. Stetler is now ninety-one years old, but is well preserved for a man of his great age. He has always been a man of much personal force, and has held at different times various township offices. He is a member and strong supporter of the Methodist Church, giving to it freely of his ample means, acquired by a long life of industry. His marriage to Salome Reichley took place November 2, 1838. She was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1815, a daughter of William and Mary (Sausaman) Reichley, lifelong resident of that county. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was at Cleveland, within hearing distance of the battle, when Perry obtained his great naval victory over the British flotilla under Commodore Barclay. Mrs. William Settler died in February, 1904, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years and one week.

James A. Stetler was the only child of his parents, and was eight years old when they settled in Summit County. In his youth he attended the old log school-house, with its slab benches, and was later sent to a good select school, where he improved his opportunities for gaining further knowledge. In the meanwhile his industrial education was not neglected, as he was early initiated, on his father's farm into the various methods and operations pertaining to agricultural life.

On September 2, 1860, he was married to Lovina Koons, who was born in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1841. Her parents—Henry and Esther (Rough) Koons—were natives of Pennsylvania, and for many years farmers in Norton Township, Summit County. Mrs. Stetler was about ten years old when she accompanied her parents to this State. She has borne her husband four children: William H., Charles E., Marvin T., and Clarence O.; all of whom have been given a sound practical education. William H. Stetler, after attending the common schools, completed his literary studies in the Academy at Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio. He followed farming in Green Township for a number of years, but now resides in Akron. He married Rose Belle Haggerty, and has

three children: Roscoe, who married Mary Weise; Harry, and Lucille. Charles E. Stetler, after passing through the common schools and graduating from Mogadore High school, became a student at Buchtel college. He became a practical telegrapher, and afterwards a commercial traveler, in which business he is now engaged. He married Ada Rhodes, and now resides in Dayton, Ohio. Marvin T. Stetler was educated in the Mogadore High School and at Uniontown Academy. He is now a resident of Kansas City, Missouri. He married Maud Morton, and has two children —Warren and Russel. Clarence O. Stetler graduated from the Academy at Uniontown, and later as an accountant and bookkeeper from the Business College at Akron. He resides in Delaware, Ohio. He married Minnie Harmon.

James A. Stetler is now the owner of 303 acres of farm land in Summit County—147 acres in Green Township and 156 acres in Springfield. He moved to the latter township after a residence of thirty years in Green. He lived in Springfield twenty-five years. Fifteen acres of his farm there consisted of a valuable deposit of vitrified clay, which for a number of years he was engaged in excavating, with the result of developing it into a valuable and important industry. In 1904 he left his Springfield farm and came to Uniontown to assume the care of his aged father.

Mr. Stetler is a Democrat in politics, and has served in the offices of trustee, justice of the peace, treasurer, assessor, and township clerk. His first presidential vote was cast for Gen. George B. McClellan. He and his wife are earnest and active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he has served as trustee. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Apollo Lodge, No. 61, of Akron, also to the Encampment No. 18, also of Akron; and to the Patrons of Husbandry, being past State deputy master of that order, and a leading member of Lodge No. 1323.

Mr. and Mrs. Stetler have always been numbered among the respected and honored residents of the county, and it is the universal wish that their days may be still further prolonged in the land in which Providence has cast their lot.

WILLIAM E. ETLING, owner and proprietor of the Etling Coal and Ice Company, of Barberton, has been interested in this line of business since 1903, and has been a resident of this city since 1896. Mr. Etling was born in Wayne County, Ohio, July 21, 1876, and is a son of Abraham and Ada (McIntire) Etling.

William E. Etling was reared on the old home farm in Wayne County, on which his parents still reside. Until he was nineteen years of age he alternated working on the farm and going to school, and then learned the carpenter trade, coming to Barberton for that purpose and entering the employ of Charles Lutz. After four years of instruction and practice with Mr. Lutz, Mr. Etling started into contracting for himself, for the first three years doing contracting only, then for two years engaged in contracting and dealing in coal, and since the spring of 1905, when he bought out the Barberton Ice Company, has added ice to his business interests. He also handles cement and lime and with his three teams does a large amount of teaming, giving employment to from three to twelve men according to the season. Mr. Etling owns his own buildings and bought the land on which the are standing when it was vacant property.

Mr. Etling married Jennie G. Santrock, who was reared in Wayne County, and is a daughter of John A. Santrock, and they have had four children, namely: Edna, who died aged eleven months and fifteen days; Mabel; Elmer W. and Esther Lucile. Mr. Etling is a member of the Odd Fellows.

C. H. MORTON, president of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Base Ball League, with offices in the Central office building, at Akron, was born in Asthabula County, Ohio, October 12, 1854, and is a son of Rev. A. D. Morton.

C. H. Morton inherits a name which has been a very prominent one in this Nation's history. The name of his great-grandfather,

John T. Morton is appended to that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence. His father is a son of John Morton who was a member of the same branch of the family which produced those statesman, the late Hon. Oliver P. Morton, formerly governor of Indiana, and Hon. Levi P. Morton, who was vice-president of the United States. Mr. Morton's father, Rev. A. D. Morton, at one time was presiding elder of the Akron District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which religious body he was long a distinguished minister.

C. H. Morton's early life was passed on the shore of Lake Erie and in Cleveland, and after completing his education he entered into the grocery business in which he continued until failing health warned him that he would be obliged to seek more of an out-door existence. He had been interested in base ball prior to this and had been a player of some merit before entering into the sport in a business way. For the past sixteen years he has been the manager of different ball teams, and is now serving in his third year as president of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League of professional players, a body which has won many triumph on the Diamond. Their success in no small degree has resulted from the excellent management of Mr. Morton.

In 1883, Mr. Morton was married to Margaret Laber, who was born near Heidelberg, Germany. They have two children, Edna Ruth and Frederick William, the latter of whom is a bright student in the Akron High School.

DAVID A. McCOLGAN, who for twelve successive years has been a member of the Board of Education, and for six years one of the trustees of Springfield Township, resides on his farm of 132 acres, which he has placed under fine cultivation. He was born in Summit County, Ohio, June 6, 1854, and is a son of James and Nancy (Moore) McColgan.

The father of Mr. McColgan was born in Ireland and came to America in 1835 at the age of twenty-five years, subsequently coming to Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. He was married at Trenton, New Jersey, to Nancy Moore, who was also born in Ireland, where her parents died. She died in 1857. The grandparents of Mr. McColgan, Michael and Martha McColgan, followed their son James to America some five years after he had emigrated, and they both died in Springfield Township, and were buried at Springfield Center. James McColgan died in 1870, having survived his first wife for thirteen years. There were four sons born to his first marriage, namely: William John, deceased, who married in Michigan, left two children; James Shannon, resides in Northampton Township, engaged in farming, married Susan Adams and they have three children: Charles Henry, who is deceased, and David A. There were three children born to a second marriage, all of whom survive.

David A. McColgan obtained his education in the district schools and was reared on a farm near Pleasant Valley, where his father first settled. For six years he resided in Portage County, but in 1884 he settled on his present farm, since which time he has been engaged in growing grain and stock. His land is fertile and under his excellent management, is very productive.

In 1878 Mr. McColgan was married to Jennie Grotz, who is a daughter of John and Elmira (Martin) Grotz. The grandmother of Mrs. McColgan was the first white child born in Sutfield Township, Portage County, and her mother can remember the time when Indians would frequently be seen in the neighborhood of her home. Mr. and Mrs. McColgan have had two children, namely: Bertie, who died aged nine months; and Claude, who was born July 12, 1882, and resides on the home farm. He married Elma Spade, who is a daughter of Henry and Louisa Spade, and they have a little two-year-old daughter, Mabel.

Mr. McColgan was reared a Republican, but for the past fifteen years he has been identified with the Democratic party. He has served for six years as township trustee and for twelve years as a member of the Board of Education, having a remarkable

record in connection with both offices, that of never having missed a single official meeting in the whole period. He has been particularly active in politics since 1890, and has been sent as a delegate to two State conventions. Both he and wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He stands as one of Springfield Township's representative citizens.

CLARK E. WOOLF, residing on his finely developed farm of fifty-nine acres, situated in Springfield Township, is one of the leading men of this section. He was born at Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, October 2, 1856, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Baum) Woolf.

Mr. Woolf comes of old pioneer families of Ohio, on both sides, his ancestors having come to their respective settlements, from eastern homes, in the days when Indians still roamed through the trackless forests and Nature had been practically undisturbed. Family records do not tell how early the paternal grandparents settled in Columbiana County, but there they reared a family and both died when George Woolf, father of Clark E., was small. Of the twelve other children this biography does not treat, but all through this part of the State, their representatives may be found, usually among the respected and useful citizens. The maternal grandparents, the Baums, were equally early settlers in Trumbull County, where the mother of Clark E. Woolf was born. It is related of Grandmother Baum, as indicative of her energy and courage, that she made a trip on horseback from Salem to Ravenna, through the forests, following only blazed paths, carrying with her the products of her own dairy for the purchase of warp for the weaving, which her busy hands carried on in the long winter evenings. She was the first white woman who ever faced the dangers of such a journey over that ground, and she accomplished it in one day. She was the mother of a numerous and sturdy family. Left a widow, she remained on her farm near North Benton, Mahoning County, a number of years and then moved to the home of her son-in-law, George Woolf, at Atwater, where she died.

After George Woolf left Columbiana County, he settled for a few years at Ellsworth, Mahoning County, and then moved to Atwater, Portage County, removing from there to the farm of Grandmother Baum, on which he remained for some years, subsequently returning to Atwater. He died in the fall of 1904, at the age of eighty-four years. He married Elizabeth Baum, who died December 2, 1880, aged fifty-nine years. They had six children, namely: Elizabeth, who died aged six years; and Preston G., Homer H., Morris O., Clark E., Wilson W. Preston G. Woolf, residing at Atwater, Ohio, owns and operates a large flour and chop mill. He married Amelia Luke, of Edinburg, Portage County, and they have had two children, a daughter, deceased, and a son, Merritt. The latter is an expert electrician and is foreman of a shop in one of the largest manufacturing centers of Indiana. Homer H. Woolf, residing at Atwater, where he conducts the largest hardware business in Portage County, having been in business there for thirty-four years, occupies one of the largest store rooms in the city, having a space of seventy feet square. He married Carrie Crumrine, of Goshen Township, Mahoning County, and they have two daughters and one son: Edith, Elsie and Leslie, the latter of whom is a physician at Ravenna. The elder daughter is bookkeeper in her father's store, and the younger is a teacher in the public schools of Hudson. Morris O. Woolf resides near Rootstown, Portage County, where he owns a small farm, and a lake where he has made a summer resort, which is liberally patronized. He married Rhoda Harding, who was born on that farm, and they have had two children a daughter and son, the latter of whom died at the age of nineteen years. The daughter married Carl Brown. Wilson W. Woolf, a mechanic by trade, resides at Atwater and has been in the employ of a railroad company for sixteen years. He married Anna Baith, who was born at Atwater, and they have one son and three daughters: Herbert, Rena, Leta and Ethel. The son fills a

responsible position in one of the banks of Alliance, having been appointed to the place on acount of the recommendations presented to the president of the bank, by the prineipal of the school in whieh the young man was educated.

Clark E. Woolf was the fourth member of the above family. He was reared on the homestead at Atwater where he remained until twenty-eight years of age, and was educated in the local sehools. In 1885, he moved to Springfield Township, Summit County, settling first in the southeastern part, where he lived for ten years, sinee when he has resided on his present farm, which he purehased in 1896. It had been improved to a considerable degree and under Mr. Woolf's management has continued to inerease in value. He carries on general farming and keeps a few cows, but makes no special effort at dairying.

On October 9, 1879, Mr. Woolf was married to Alice Hart, who is a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Meacham) Hart. The mother of Mrs. Woolf was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. Her parents died when she was young and she was reared by a family named Kent. Jessie Hart, the grandfather of Mrs. Woolf, eame to Summit County, in 1812, making the journey from Connecticut in an ox-eart, and living to see the time when he could have purehased many of the fertile acres which were wild and uncultivated when he first saw them. He lived to the unusual age of ninety-four years. Mrs. Woolf was born on the farm on whieh Grandfather Hart settled, as had been her father. The early log house gave way to a fine brick dwelling, the bricks for its construction having been burned on the farm. The family retained this property until within recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolf have had three children, one son and two daughters, namely: Mary, Mahlon and Bessie. Mary was educated in the public schools of Suffield, and Bessie is a student in the sehools of Springfield Township. The son, Mahlon Woolf, has made a brilliant record at school. From the public schools of Springfield Township, he entered the High School at Akron, where he was creditably graduated in the elass of 1904, after which he took a commercial course in an Akron Business College. For the past two years he has been a student at Wooster University, and after completing a very thorough literary education, he proposes to study theology and subsequently enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Woolf has always been noted for good eitizenship, attending carefully to the duties pertaining thereto. He is not elosely identified with either great political party, preferring to keep free to vote more for the man of high principles than to support blindly any organization. He is a strict temperance man and naturally favors legislation along that line. In 1906, his fellow-citizens elected him to the office of township treasurer. On November 5, 1907, he was elected for another term, an honor he never sought, but a position he had filled with fidelity to the public's interest. With his wife and children, Mr. Woolf belongs to the Presbyterian Church and is a liberal supporter of its various benevolent projeets.

REV. A. B. CHURCH, D. D. LL. D., the scholarly president of Buchtel College, eame to this noted institution of learning from a sueeessful ministerial career, and has been identified with it since September 1, 1897. This decade has been one of remarkable growth for the college, and to Dr. Church's scholarship, devotion and exeeutive ability much of this progress must be attributed.

Dr. Church was born January 11, 1858, at North Norwich, New York, and is a son of the late A. William Church. The latter resided during the whole of his life on the same farm and was so talented a musician that he adopted music as a profession. On the paternal farm, Dr. Church was reared and remained until he was twenty-one years of age. In the district school he developed an unusual boyish love of his books and he entered the Union schools at Sherburne. From there he went to the Clinton Liberal Institute, at Fort Plain, New York, and in 1882, he entered St. Lawrence University, at Canton, New York,

where he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1886. He took the theological course in the same institution and was there graduated in 1888, immediately entering the active work of the ministry. His first charge was the church at South Berwick, Maine, where he served from July, 1888, to September, 1890, when he accepted the pastorate of the North Adams, Massachusetts, church where he continued until 1897. In that year he was offered and accepted the pastorate of the First Universalist Church of Akron, in which he labored until his appointment as president of Buchtel College, in 1901. Prior to this he had been identified with the faculty of the college, teaching mental and moral philosophy, and entered upon his still more responsible duties with full comprehension of what they included. As a student, scholar and theologian, Dr. Church has been recognized honorably by many institutions of learning. In 1892 the degree of D. D. was conferred on him by his *alma mater,* in 1899 Buchtel College conferred the A. M. degree, and in 1904, Tufts College, of Boston, conferred the LL. D. degree.

On September 10, 1899, Dr. Church was married to Anne Attwood, who is a daughter of Rev. Dr. I. M. Attwood, then president of the Theological School of St. Lawrence University. Dr. and Mrs. Church have four children: Evelyn, John Attwood, Harold and Dorothy.

FRANK J. SHAW, who is serving in his second term as treasurer of Norton Township, in which he is a leading citizen and successful farmer, was born in Summit County, Ohio, June 7, 1850, and is a son of Merwin and Emily (Betz) Shaw.

Merwin Shaw, father of Frank J., was born in Wadsworth Township, Medina County, Ohio, and was a son of Joshua F. Shaw, who came to Ohio from New York at a very early date, and settled first in Wadsworth Township but later removed to Norton Township, and was the first owner of the farm which is now the property of his grandson, Frank J. Shaw. He died at Johnson's Corners. Merwin Shaw followed agricultural pursuits through life. He married Emily Betz, who still survives at the age of seventy-three years and resides in California. She is a daughter of Abraham Betz, who was a pioneer from Pennsylvania, to Medina County. Merwin Shaw died on the present farm of his son, in 1903, in the old home built by his father. The four children of the family all survive, namely: Frank J., George A., Ella and Hattie, the older daughter being the wife of William Yoder of Wadsworth, and the younger, the wife of William Shafer, of Akron.

Frank J. Shaw has always lived on the homestead farm and in addition to following agricultural pursuits here, he has operated a portable sawmill for about thirty years, and for the same length of time engaged in threshing, owning an outfit. He still continues to run his mill, it being the only one in the vicinity nearer than Wadsworth. His farm includes a little over 100 acres of excellent land. For several years after his marriage he lived on the part of the farm which contained the old home, and then moved to another part on which he had built a house and barn and made many improvements. Still later as his children grew up and married, he built houses and barns for his sons, and also purchased a small property with comfortable residence, for his son-in-law, Ward Ware. Mr. Shaw has thus shown his regard for the happiness and welfare of his family and enjoys seeing their prosperity. He is a well-educated man himself, being a graduate of the High School of Seville, Medina County, and has given his two sons and two daughters many advantages.

On December 25, 1879, Mr. Shaw was married to Ruth Wilder, who is a daughter of Wells Wilder, of Medina County, Ohio, and they have the following descendants: Frank M., residing on a part of the home farm, is employed at the Stirling Works at Barberton, as a patternmaker, married Della Fendingham and they have three children: Ruth, Gladys and Paul; Daisy A., who married Ward Ware, who follows the carpenter trade in Norton Township, has three children:

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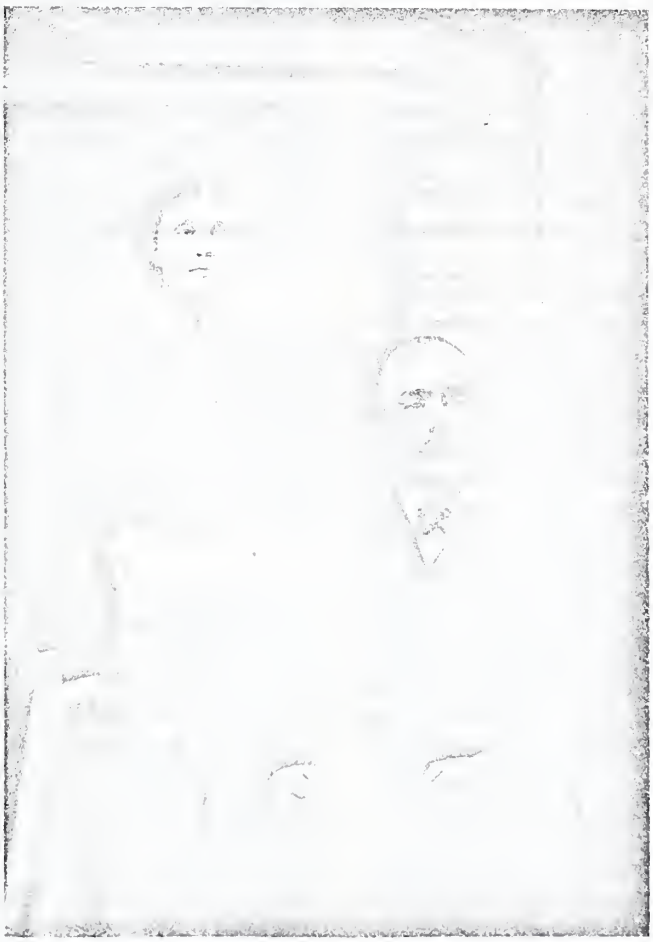

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY A. WISE

Russell, Harold and Delight; Dora, who married William Weaver, who is a retail milk dealer at Barberton, has one child, Clara; and Ernest W., residing on a part of the home farm, married Dora Specht.

Mr. Shaw has never desired political office but has consented to serve when his fellow citizens have honored him. He was elected township treasurer in 1903, the only member of the Republican party to receive the elective vote in Norton Township, for many years, and approval of his service was shown by his re-election for a second term. He has also been a member of the township School Board. He is one of the leading members of the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church. For a long period he served as class leader and in all the offices of the Sunday-school in the old church at Johnson's Corners.

HARVEY A. WISE, a highly esteemed citizen and practical farmer of Franklin Township, residing on his excellent farm of 160 acres, was born June 6, 1871, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and on the same farm and in the same house in which he now resides. He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kepler) Wise.

Henry Wise was a native of Pennsylvania, where in his younger days he was engaged in oil drilling and farming. As a young man he came to Ohio, and after his marriage settled on the present farm of his son Harvey, in Franklin Township, from which they subsequently removed to near Kenmore. Here Henry Wise died in November, 1905, aged 62 years, his wife still surviving him. Henry Wise was married to Elizabeth Kepler, who is a daughter of Jacob Kepler, and to this union there were born four children: Charles; Harvey Allen; Ida, who married Martin Ling; and Ollie, who died young.

Harvey A. Wise received his education in the schools of his native district, and he has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Franklin Township, with the exception of three years when he carried on a livery business at Barberton, and two years spent on his father's farm near Kenmore. He inherited his present property from his father—a fertile tract of 160 acres on which stands a large brick residence, one of the first in the locality.

In December, 1901, Mr. Wise was married to Mattie Snyder, who is a daughter of Isaac Snyder. Four children have been born to this union: Jesse, Lloyd, Grace and Howard. Mr. Wise, with his family, belongs to the Reformed Church. His portrait may be seen on an adjacent page.

FRANK PFEIFFER, a prominent and substantial citizen of Springfield Township, residing on his well-improved farm of 145 acres, was born November 3, 1860, in Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is the only child of Frederick and Catherine (Grobe) Pfeiffer.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Pfeiffer were George and Catherine (Bank) Pfeiffer, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Bank, and a sister to two ministers of the Lutheran Church, John, who had a charge at Buffalo, New York, and Charles, who was pastor of a large church at New Brunswick, New Jersey. The children of George and Catherine Pfeiffer were: Frederick; George, who died in California, after residing there many years; Catherine, deceased, who married Rev. George Rettig, resided at Monticello, Iowa; Jacob, who resides at Akron; Louisa, who died in 1902, in Medina County, married Mr. Monsmith; and Charles, residing at Akron, married Catherine Brown.

Frederick Pfeiffer, father of Frank, was born January 17, 1829, in Oldenburg, Germany, and came to America in 1848. Prior to reaching Akron, in the same year, he had resided for short seasons, in Pennsylvania and New York. He was variously engaged in his earlier years, at Akron, working in the Christy leather store and also in the flour mills. In 1856, he settled on the George Miller farm, of Western Star, from which he moved to a farm near Clinton, which he operated for one year, and then purchased a farm of sixty-one acres in Sharon Township, Medina County, which he sold after living there for eight years. From there he moved to

Akron and bought a house and lot, but after six months of town life, he decided to return to farming and bought eighty-five acres of land north of Akron, on which he lived for fourteen years. After selling that property he bought 180 acres at Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio, on which he has resided since the fall of 1887. Frederick Pfeiffer married Catherine Grohe, who was born in Germany, April 23, 1829, and is a daughter of Adam and Catherine Grohe, both of whom died in the old home in Hemsbach, Baden, Germany. Mrs. Pfeiffer came to America in 1852, locating at Randolph, Portage County Ohio. Both Frederick Pfeiffer and wife have reached the age of seventy-nine years, enjoying excellent health and possessing all their faculties. They are valued members of the First Reformed German Church at Akron. Mr. Pfeiffer is a Democrat.

Frank Pfeiffer remained with his parents until after his own marriage. After completing the public school course, he entered Buchtel College, where he spent two years. About 1881, he became the operator of his father's farm, north of Akron, and later conducted the home farm in Stark County, for eighteen years. He has always taken a great deal of interest in agricultural pursuits and entertains justifiable pride in his present fine, well-ordered farm, which he purchased in 1898, of the King Ellet heirs. He has made many fine improvements here, not the least of which is his elegant home, recently completed. It contains eight rooms, is of modern architecture, and is beautifully finished inside in red and white oak, while its furnishings and surroundings are all that good taste demands.

Mr. Pfeiffer was married October 8, 1885, to Lydia Hawk, who is a daughter of Michael and Albertina Hawk, both of whom were born in Germany, and a granddaughter of Philip and Margaret Hawk, who came to Portage County, Ohio, in 1849, and lived on their farm there until death. Philip Hawk died in 1862, and his widow in 1874. They had five children, Michael being the youngest.

Michael Hawk was born in Germany, September 27, 1835, and accompanied his parents to Portage County. He entered manhood without financial resources, but his industry and perseverance brought their own reward, and by 1870 he was able to purchase a farm of his own. He is now seventy-three years of age and owns an excellent farm of 144 acres, in Tallmadge Township, Summit County. He married Albertina Bletzer, a daughter of Michael Bletzer, of Randolph, Portage County, where she was born in 1840. She died in 1893, aged fifty-two years. They had two children, namely: Lydia and Albert, the latter of whom resides in the West. Michael Hawk is a member of Grace Reformed Church, at Akron, to which his first wife also belonged. Mr. Hawk contracted a second marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer have three children: George Frederick, Raymond Arthur and Clara May. The daughter was born November 30, 1892, and is a student in the public schools. The older son, George Frederick, was born August 28, 1886. He took a scientific course at Buchtel College and a course in the Scranton School of Civil Engineering, and is a civil engineer with the N. O. T. Company. The second son, Raymond Arthur, was born August 28, 1890, and is a bright student at Buchtel College. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer are members of the Reformed Church on East Market Street, Akron, in which he is an elder and secretary of the church Consistory.

In politics, Mr. Pfeiffer is a Democrat and for a number of years has been active in politics. While never pressing his claim to political honors, he has frequently been chosen by his party for responsible offices. He served several terms as treasurer of Lake Township, Stark County, and also as justice of the peace. He was appointed a notary public first by Governor Bushnell, and has commissions which were subsequently issued by Gov. George K. Nash and also by Governor Herrick. For a number of years he served as central committeeman in Lake Township, and frequently has attended the important Democratic conventions as a delegate.

JOHN G. OLIN for many years was one of the sterling men of Stow Township, a man whose integrity was never questioned, whose influence was felt in the practical development of his neighborhood and whose advice and judgment were sought by his fellow-citizens. He was born at Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, October 17, 1851, and died on the property which he had acquired through industry and frugality, on April 1, 1900. The parents of John G. Olin were Alonzo and Elmira B. (Squires) Olin, and his grandparents were Samuel and Betsey (Green) Olin.

Samuel Olin, the grandfather, was the pioneer of the family to Ohio. He was born July, 1793, at Shaftsbury, Vermont, and there and at St. Albans, his early life was spent, helping his father until he was of legal age. He then went to Whitestown, Oneida County, New York, and assisted his uncle, Silas Rawson, who kept a public inn at that place, and while there, in December, 1815, he married his cousin, Betsey Green. She was born in April 1797. In 1818, Samuel Olin and wife moved to Perry, New York, where two of his brothers had previously settled, and all farmed in partnership until the spring of 1822, when Samuel returned to Whitestown and remained two years with his uncle, who needed his assistance, after which he returned to his farm. Later he bought another farm on which he lived until February 28, 1839, when he left there for Ohio. His household goods were packed in three great wagons, for he was a man of at least $10,000 of capital and property, and the first season after reaching Streetsboro, he built a fine brick house for hotel purposes, which was long known as Olin's Inn. He carried on his hotel for eleven years with profit, having had the necessary training with his uncle to make the business part of hotel-keeping a success, while his genial nature and hearty good fellowship made his companionship agreeable to travelers. The building of the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad deflected trade and thus practically ruined his business. He spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. At the time of his death, in 1874, his property was estimated to be worthy $60,000.

Alonzo B. Olin, father of the late John G. Olin, was born May 18, 1820, at Perry, Wyoming County, New York, and died November 14, 1885. He had but meager educational advantages in his youth, partly because of the few schoolhouses in his vicinity, in boyhood, and partly because his services as a sturdy, robust youth, were demanded to assist in the pressing work on the farm. He accompanied his father to Ohio and remained with him until his marriage, on October 12, 1842, to Elmira B. Squires, who was born also at Perry, New York, July 17, 1824. She still resides on the home farm in Portage County. After marriage, Alonzo B. Olin rented land of his father for a few years, but soon purchased land for himself and at the time of his death, by the exercise of the thrift taught him by his parents and natural to one who felt the responsibility of a growing family, he owned 224 acres of valuable land. He passed away after a busy and useful life, leaving behind the record which a family preserves as one of its best treasures.

Of such honorable ancestry came the late John G. Olin. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years old. His attendance in the district schools was followed by two terms in the High School and one term at Mt. Union College. He worked for his father and was justly remunerated as long as he remained. In the spring following his marriage Mr. Olin settled on his brother Arthur's farm, in Franklin Township, Portage County, where he lived for five years, and then returned to Streetsboro and worked a rented farm for two years. In the meanwhile, he had been looking for a suitable investment and finally decided to come to Summit County and on March 10, 1882, purchased the farm of eighty acres, on which his widow still resides. He engaged in mixed farming, and his estimable wife capably managed the home dairy, and for twenty-two years made butter to supply customers who were particularly choice about this table necessity. Among the modern changes which have contributed largely

to ease the heavy duties falling on the farmers' wives, has been the establishing of creameries, and Mr. Olin was one of the first in his neighborhood to recognize the value of such an enterprise. He was one of the founders of the Co-operative Creamery, now a very successful industry at Stow.

On November 4, 1874, Mr. Olin was married to the esteemed lady who still survives him, dearly cherishing his memory. She was Julia Ellsworth, who is a daughter of Rufus G. and Wealthy (Wilcox) Ellsworth, of Streetsboro. For six years prior to her marriage she resided in the family of Samuel Olin. Mr. and Mrs. Olin had one daughter, Hattie E., who was born January 29, 1879. She was given many advantages and grew to attractive young womanhood. She was married March 26, 1902, to George Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had two children, twins. One of these, Helen, who was born April 10, 1907, survives. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside on the homestead, Mrs. Olin having retained but twenty acres of the same for her own use, hiring a tenant to operate it for her. Mrs. Olin is a valued member of the Disciples Church.

The sudden death of John G. Olin was a shock not only to his family but to the whole community where he was so highly esteemed. He was a man of genial presence, and the hearty good will he entertained for all who came within the paths of his daily life, was warmly reciprocated, and it is doubtful if he had a real enemy in the world. No man enjoyed the ordinary pleasures of life more than he, and in every circle in which he moved his presence was welcome. In his political choice he was a Democrat, and many offices of local importance were pressed on him, his upright character and evident fitness making him popular with the majority of his fellow-citizens, irrespective of differing political faiths. For a number of years he filled the office of township trustee and supervisor, and at the time of his death was officiating in the former capacity. In all the different agencies established to improve his section, he was always consulted as to their utility, and he lent his influence uniformly to all movements which he believed would add to the general welfare and to the continued prosperity of Stow Township.

FREDERICK WUNDERLICH, whose fine farm of sixty acres in Norton Township is one on which he has lived almost continuously since 1857, is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of this section. Mr. Wunderlich was born in Prussia-Germany, November 19, 1837, and is a son of John and Margaret (Kisfert) Wunderlich.

The father of Mr. Wunderlich was a silk weaver in his own land, but wages were small even for this difficult kind of work, and when Frederick was two and one-half years of age, he decided to try farming in the great country across the sea. Hence, the year 1839 found the German family safely established in Ohio. After a short residence at Cleveland, John Wunderlich moved his wife and children to a farm he had rented in Summit County, where he set up his weaving looms and also cultivated the land. The Wunderlichs lived for six years on Summit Hill, Coventry Township, and then moved to the neighborhood of Johnson's Corners, Norton Township, where he purchased forty acres of land. Here he resided until his death, never giving up his work at his trade.

Frederick Wunderlich went to school at Johnson's Corners and worked for four years with his father at the weaving trade and then went to farming, which has been his main occupation ever since. For a number of years he also ran a cider press. When he married he came to his present farm, which is located about one-half mile south of Johnson's Corners. With the exception of two years spent in Indiana, Mr. Wunderlich has remained on this farm ever since, a period of almost fifty years. In 1878 he erected the present large, comfortable residence. He lost his barn from a stroke of lightning, but rebuilt in a more substantial way in 1890.

On July 27, 1857, Mr. Wunderlich was married to Lavina Huvler, who is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Huvler, who were

born in Pennsylvania, and came to Stark County, Ohio, where Mrs. Wunderlich was born. When she was fifteen years of age, her father bought the farm on which she has lived ever since, with the exception of two years. It is a fine old place and is endeared to her with memories of her girlhood and almost all of her married life. Mr. and Mrs. Wunderlich have two sons, John H. and Arthur. John H. has been married twice and has two children, born to his first union, Frederick and Henry. Arthur also married and has one daughter, Inez. Both sons are pattern-makers. Mr. and Mrs. Wunderlich are among the oldest and most esteemed members of the Lutheran Church in this section.

J. F. BETZLER, senior member of the firm of Betzler and Wilson, manufacturers of fountain pens, at Akron, has been a resident of Summit County, Ohio, for twenty-nine years. Mr. Betzler was born in Germany, in 1868, and was fourteen years of age when he came to America.

The young German boy came directly to Summit County, and at Akron he found employment with the Summit Hard Rubber Company, which was then a branch of the B. F. Goodrich Company, and his worth and efficiency were proved by his being retained by them for six years. He then became connected with the fountain pen manufacturing industry, working both in Chicago and Cincinnati, and subsequently returning to Akron, where, in 1892, in association with W. E. Wilson, he embarked in the business of manufacturing fountain pens. The firm of Betzler and Wilson have since put upon the market a pen bearing their name, which has stood the most thorough tests, and is handled all over the country, four men being required to visit the trade in the United States. Employment is given fifteen men in the factory.

Mr. Betzler is the inventor and patentee of the Betzler and Wilson self-filled pen, which is the firm's leader of their 100 different styles of manufacture. The business has made a rapid and wonderful growth, and each season sees it still further expanded. In addition to his interest in this business, Mr. Betzler is a director in the Dollar Savings Bank.

In 1896, Mr. Betzler was married to Elizabeth Kipp, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have one child, Alma. Mr. Betzler is a 32nd degree Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Akron, and to the Shrine and Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland. He is a past grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A man of recognized business enterprise, he enjoys a high commercial rating in the city which has witnessed the successful development of this business.

J. M. DAVIDSON, one of Akron's leading citizens, who has been identified with her important enterprises for the past twenty-eight years, is one of the best known general contractors here and has had much to do in building up and improving the city. Mr. Davidson was born in 1858, in Scotland, where he remained until twenty years of age.

In 1878 Mr. Davidson came to America, having completed his apprenticeship to the machinist trade prior to this, and in 1879 he reached Akron, where he entered the shops of the Taplin-Rice Company. He remained with the above firm for one and one-half years and then went to the Akron Iron Company, where he continued for some fifteen years. Mr. Davidson then entered into business for himself as a general contractor and coal dealer, doing all kinds of paving and sewer building, and having an extensive trade in coal, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Davidson has been awarded a number of very heavy contracts and has just completed over a mile of paving and sewer building at Ashland, Ohio. He has his large force of men at work at present on a contract that calls for the building of 2,300 feet of rock sewer. Mr. Davidson is a good business man and has made a number of judicious investments since locating at Akron and he owns considerable stock in a number of the city's most prosperous enterprises.

In November, 1890, Mr. Davidson was married to Emma Beck, who is a daughter of William Beck, and they have two children

living: William James and Ethel Ruth. One daughter, Rhoda, was killed during the riot of 1900. With his family, Mr. Davidson belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Davidson has never been very active politically and has never consented to be a candidate for office. He belongs to the order of Modern Woodmen. He is known to his fellow-citizens as a man of business capacity and integrity, one who in every way deserves the high regard in which he is held.

WILLIAM N. PALMER, assistant general superintendent of the Diamond Match Company, at Barberton, was born at Middlebury, now Akron, Ohio, December 9, 1855, and is a son of Albert and Ann Elizabeth (Haughey) Palmer.

Albert Palmer, father of William N., was born at Lyons, New York, in 1823, and is a son of Stephen Palmer, who brought his family to Akron in 1837. The latter was a manufacturer of fanning mills and when his father died, Albert Palmer continued the business. Albert Palmer and his wife both survive, after a happy married life of fifty-eight years, he having reached his eighty-fourth birthday, while she is seventy-seven years of age. They had seven children, as follows: C. H., who is vice-president of the Diamond Match Company; Kate, who is the wife of M. C. Lytle, residing at Wadsworth, Ohio; William N., whose name begins this sketch; Stephen; Frances, a school teacher, residing at Akron; Nettie, who is the wife of Adolph Bonstead; and Jessie.

William N. Palmer has been more or less identified with the match industry since boyhood, beginning to work for O. C. Barber, the pioneer match manufacturer, when but twelve years of age, the plant then being located at Middlebury, which is now a part of Akron. He attended school during the winter sessions for some years and also took a course in Wilder's Business College, but all spare time, holidays, Saturdays and even many evenings, were given to work for Mr. Barber. Gradually, from the humblest position, Mr. Palmer has advanced until he is now the assistant superintendent of this immense plant. His knowledge is of a thoroughly practical nature, he having worked through the different departments in the factories. Mr. Palmer married Emma Tweed and they have one daughter, Mabel.

GEORGE S. DAVIS, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Bath Township, and one of the most influential and widely respected citizens of Summit County, was born in New York state, November 21, 1845, son of William and Ann (Sewell) Davis. William Davis was born in Burns, Lincolnshire, England, April 14, 1809, and on May 16, 1833, was married to Ann Sewell, who was born at the same place about 1814. They came to this country in July, 1845, locating in New York state. They were the parents of a large family, of whom the following children were born to them in England: Jane, April 10, 1843, wife of I. S. King; Mary, February 16, 1836, who married S. E. Taylor; John, January 21, 1838; William, October 27, 1839; Thomas, December 2, 1841; Ann, November 15, 1843, widow of I. H. Miller, and now widow of L. V. Wychoff. The American-born children are: George S., the subject of this sketch; Sarah D., December 13, 1847, wife of George Bisbee; Elizabeth, December 25, 1849, wife of Abraham Spencer; Emma E., September 6, 1852, wife of Sylvester Vallen; Alpha, December 3, 1854, wife of Frank Pierson; Clara B., January 6, 1857, wife of Charles Dietz. Of the above-mentioned family, Thomas was killed in the service of his country at the battle Pine Knob, Georgia, June 15, 1864, after having served faithfully under Sherman in all his battles up to that time.

A year after their arrival in this country the family came to Summit County and purchased a farm in Bath Township, which was partly cleared. On this Mr. Davis erected a new house and barn and made a comfortable home for his family. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, both in England and America, and he and his wife were earnest

members of the Disciples' Church. Mr. Davis died August 14, 1888, his wife having preceded him to the grave nearly twenty years, dying March 12, 1867. They were most worthy people, active in advancing the social and moral welfare of the community, and their memories will live long after them.

George S. Davis was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. As a young man he worked at the carpenter's trade, in which occupation he continued for six years. After his marriage he abandoned it and began farming, which has since been his occupation. He now owns one of the best farms in the county, comprising 300 acres, and improved in the most thorough and up-to-date manner. He gives a large share of his attention to the breeding of fine cattle and sheep, the excellence of which have become widely recognized. To facilitate this industry he has on his farm five large barns, arranged with every convenience for the care and proper raising of stock. He has also for some years past been engaged in raising horses, and now has some very fine Morgan and English coach horses. It may be still said of him today, as it was some years ago, that he probably owns more fine stock than any man in Bath Township.

Mr. Davis was married February 12, 1873, to Miss Mary Barker, who was born September 10, 1848, daughter of Jared and Eleanor (Munson) Barker, well known residents of Bath Township. He and his wife have been the parents of the following children: Eleanor Belle, born January 30, 1874, died October 30, 1883; Jay, December 31, 1879; Jared, April 21, 1882; Mary, February 27, 1884; George, September 15, 1885; Anna, August 10, 1887; Paul, May 2, 1889.

Mr. Davis is a strong Republican and cast his first presidential vote for General Grant. Of a retiring disposition, however, he takes but little part in politics, though in response to the desires of his fellow citizens he has served the town as a member of the Board of Education. He and his wife are both members of the Congregational Church at Bath.

FREDERICK J. BAUER, M. D., a leading physician at Mogadore, who has been located here for the past twenty-seven years, is, with one exception, the oldest continuous medical practitioner in the place. Dr. Bauer was born in Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, March 5, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Christiana (Holzworth) Bauer.

The parents of Dr. Bauer were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and they came to America in 1839, settling on a farm of 100 acres, which then was located about a mile from the village of Erie, Pennsylvania, but is now included in the corporate limits of that city. At that time the land could have been purchased for thirty dollars an acre, but Jacob Bauer could not command that much capital at the time and the opportunity was lost for the making of an independent fortune. He removed from Pennsylvania and settled in Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, between 1840 and 1845, on a farm two miles southeast of Suffield. He died about 1887, aged eighty-one years. He married Christiana Holzworth, who died in 1882, at the age of sixty years. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Rudolph, George, Sophia, Mary, Odelia, Frederick J., Lena, Lucinda and Jacob. Rudolph Bauer died in 1905, and George died at the age of two years. Sophia, who died in 1859, was the wife of William Wilson, who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. They left one son, Charles Wilson, who is a prominent citizen of Lamar, Missouri, of which village he has been mayor, and is now serving as night telegraph agent for the Missouri & Pacific Railroad. Mary, who is the widow of George Price, resides, with her eight children, on her farm adjoining the old homestead. Odelia, who is the widow of Newton Stauffer, resides with her daughter and granddaughter northeast of Tallmadge. Lena, who married John Peterson, resides in Jasper County, Missouri. Lucinda married John May and they reside with their children on the old Bauer homestead. Jacob W., the youngest member of this family, has charge of the United States Weather Bureau at Co-

lumbia, South Carolina, where he has been located since 1893, having served at various points since 1881. He was educated at Mt. Union College. He married Esther Washburn, of Brooklyn, New York, and they have one son and several daughters.

The boyhood of Dr. Bauer was spent on his father's farm and his early education was obtained in the district schools. He secured better educational advantages after he had earned the money by teaching, to pay for them, and he spent three years at Mt. Union College. In 1876 he left school and in the following year began to read medicine with Dr. Ferguson, of Mogadore, and later entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, for one year, going from there to the medical department of the Wooster University, which is now the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Cleveland, where he was graduated in the class of 1880.

Dr. Bauer returned to Mogadore and entered into partnership with his old preceptor, Dr. Ferguson, and this association continued until the death of the latter in January, 1886, since which time Dr. Bauer has been alone. During his twenty-seven years of professional work in this place, Dr. Bauer has so demonstrated his ability that he has gained the confidence of the public and the respect of his associates in the practice of medicine. He has taken an active part in public affairs, particularly in those concerning his own state, county and city, and has shown his sincerity by lending his influence to many public-spirited movements. He owns considerable real estate at Mogadore and is a stockholder in the Colonial Brick Company.

In 1885 Dr. Bauer was married to Catherine S. Rubbins, who was born in the state of New York, and is a daughter of John and Lydia M. (Olds) Rubbins, the former of whom was born in England, and the latter in New York, where she was one of a family of twelve children. Dr. and Mrs. Bauer have two sons, Fred Otis and Carl Holtzworth, the former of whom is a student at Mt. Union College, and the latter of whom graduated in the class of 1907, from the Mogadore High School. Both fine types of young American youths. The residence in which Dr. Bauer and family reside and which he owns, was built by the Kents, very early settlers here. It has a historic interest from the fact that when it was completed, one of the workmen broke over its roof a bottle of liquor and christened the village of Mogadore, from the town of that name in Africa, where he had once been a prisoner.

Dr. Bauer is one of the leading Democrats of this section, and on one occasion was chosen by his party as its candidate for county auditor. He has served a number of times as a delegate to the state conventions and for many years has been a regular delegate to the county conventions. Since 1885, Dr. Bauer has been a Mason, and in 1891 he became a charter member of Lodge No. 482, Knights of Pythias, at Mogadore.

JOHN A. WHITMAN, who resides on a well-improved farm of three and one-half acres in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, owns also eighty-seven acres in Norton Township, Summit County, and eight acres in Wadsworth Township, Medina County, this property being all in one body. Mr. Whitman was born June 24, 1857, in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Jane (Allerding) Whitman.

Andrew Whitman, the grandfather of John A., was a native of Pennsylvania, and at an early day came to Chippewa Township, where he was married to Margaret Marshall, who was a native of Knox County, Ohio. He purchased the farms on which both his son John and his grandson, John A., were born. He acquired considerable property, and, in addition to farming, he operated a cider mill and also engaged in threshing.

John Whitman was born on a farm located south of Doylestown in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and subsequently purchased the present farm of John A. Whitman from his father. He became thresher, miller and general farmer. He was married in Knox County, Ohio, to Jane Allerding, who came

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from France when aged sixteen years. To them were born eight children, as follows: Caroline, who is the widow of Frank Stotler; John A.; Ella, deceased, who was the wife of Bartley Lynch; Mary, who died at the age of thirteen years; Lawrence and Josephine, both of whom died of diphtheria, the last three named children dying within six weeks; Clara, who is a graduate nurse, residing at Cleveland, Ohio; and Matilda, who resides at Doylestown. The mother of these children died September 30, 1904. The father died in 1876.

John A. Whitman was reared on the home farm, and attended the country school. When aged nineteen years his father's death occurred and the main duties of the farm thus fell upon his shoulders. He has always carried on general farming, and, in addition, is now making a specialty of raising Durham cattle. A rather unusual circumstance is that his excellent farm lies in three counties, his residence being on the Wayne County portion, while his barn is situated in Summit County.

Mr. Whitman was married in 1885 to Johanna Schmitz, whose death occurred April 16, 1902, and to them there were born eight children, namely: Lawrence, Mary, Clara, John, Lucy, Herman, Leo and Cecelia.

Mr. Whitman is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. With his family he attends the Doylestown Catholic Church.

JOSEPH COOPER, of the brick manufacturing firm of Cooper Brothers, at Akron, has been a resident of this city and identified with its business interests for the past forty years. Mr. Cooper was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1847, and was reared, and educated, and learned his trade in his native land.

At the age of twenty years, Mr. Cooper came to America, settling in Akron, and working the first year for the firm of Kent & Baldwin in their machine shops. He subsequently entered the employ of Byron Allison, in the brick business, with whom he remained for about ten years. Then, in partnership with his brother, Samuel Cooper, he leased the old Briggs brick plant, and the firm, under the name of Cooper Brothers, have been engaged since in manufacturing and delivering all kinds of building brick. Their plant is located at No. 573 Spicer Street. They give employment to a number of skilled workers, and the industry is one of the substantial ones of the city.

In 1869, Joseph Cooper was married (first) to Agnes Lang, who died soon after marriage. He married (second) Mary Palmer, of which union there is one daughter, Emily, who married Samuel Crisp, and resides at home, with her parents. Mr. Cooper is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the English Society, known as the Sons of St. George. In politics he is a republican.

HIRAM F. SNYDER, who owns an excellent farm of 104 acres in Franklin Township, was born on the old Snyder homestead, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 10, 1859, and is a son of Michael and Nancy (Marsh) Snyder.

Michael Snyder, father of Hiram F., was born in Alsace, France, and accompanied his parents, Michael and Barbara (Weimer) Snyder to America. They came to Springfield Township, Summit County, by way of the canal, and when they passed through Akron, in 1838, there was but one store in the village. Mr. Snyder was looking for land on which to establish a home and he was offered 100 acres on the site of Akron for the sum of $600. He considered the soil there too light for deep cultivation and purchased a farm in Springfield Township, from which he moved, eight years later, to another near that on which his grandson, Hiram F., resides. He died in 1897, aged ninety-two years, his wife having passed away in 1876, aged seventy years. In France he engaged in milling, but confined himself to farming after coming to Ohio. Michael and Barbara Snyder, or Schneider as the name was spelled in their day, had the following children: George; Michael; Frederick, residing at Barberton; Eve, who married John Dailey; and

Julia, who married David Steel. Frederick Snyder is the only survivor of this family.

Michael Snyder, father of Hiram F., was six years old when his parents emigrated, and as he grew to youth and manhood, found much hard work in assisting in the clearing up of his father's property. He accumulated land of his own and at the time of his death in 1893, he owned 246 acres. He married Nancy Marsh, who was born in Franklin Township, and they had a family of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Those who reached mature age were: Milton, residing at Barberton; Hiram F.; Samuel; Louisa, who married James Henry; Amanda, who married C. Blough; William E., residing at Akron, where he is a well-known attorney; Elliott; and Ida, who died at the age of nineteen years.

Hiram F. Snyder was fourteen years old when the family moved to a place near the one he owns, and he remained at home until his twenty-third year, when he secured his present farm from the family estate. In 1863 coal was found on this farm and rich veins have been opened, many tons having been excavated by the Franklin Coal Company and the C. F. Wagoner Company. Mr. Snyder was employed by the coal company for eighteen months, but with this exception, has devoted himself entirely to farming. He has served as a member of the School Board for several terms.

On December 12, 1882, Mr. Snyder was married (first) to Elizabeth Keller, who died in the spring of 1894, leaving three children: Eva, Frank and Howard. In 1896 he was married (second) to Mary Limbaugh, and they have four children: Henry, Martha, and Paul and Ruth, the latter twins. Mr. Snyder and family belong to the Reformed Church.

C. LEE BRIGGS, one of Akron's enterprising young business men, engaged in general contracting, was born in Medina County, Ohio, in 1871, and is a son of Thomas G. Briggs, a prominent farmer, and a grandson of Daniel G. Briggs, who settled in Medina County in 1852.

C. Lee Briggs was reared in Medina County and, after completing the common school course, entered Buchtel College. After leaving college he made his home for some five years at Springfield, Missouri, where he was first employed in the office of a street railway and later in the Bank of Springfield. Since 1898 he has been engaged in a general contracting business, but for eighteen months previously he had served as secretary of the Builders' Exchange. In 1905 he erected a fine home at Akron and this city has been his place of residence up to the present time. In 1895 Mr. Briggs was married to Mary Brown, of Akron, and they have one son, Clifton. Mr. Briggs is interested in a number of organizations at Akron, is a director in the Dollar Savings Bank, is a member of the Masonic club and the Portage Country club, and of the Builders' Exchange of Cleveland.

IRVIN H. SPANGLER, residing on his farm of forty-seven acres, which is situated in Franklin Township and is a part of the old Spangler homestead, was born on this farm in Summit County, Ohio, August 4, 1870, and is a son of Joseph and Adaline (Hoy) Spangler.

Joseph Spangler was born in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of David Spangler, who settled here at an early day. Joseph Spangler was married (first) to Caroline Smith, who also was reared in Franklin Township, and the four children born to that marriage were: Adam, John, Charles and Jennie, the latter of whom married O. W. Baum. Mr. Spangler was married (second) to Adaline Hoy, who died July 4, 1904. She was a daughter of David Hoy, of Hocking County, Ohio. Three children were born to the second union, as follows: David E., Irvin H. and Joseph. The father still survives, having reached the age of eighty-seven years, and is a resident of Akron.

Irvin H. Spangler was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools. With the exception of six years spent at Manches-

ter, in boyhood, he has lived continuously on the present farm, having purchased forty-seven acres from his father. He cultivates both his own farm and the one his father retains, which is also situated in Franklin Township.

On December 18, 1890, Mr. Spangler was married to Laura Bender, who is a daughter of Harvey F. Bender, and they have had six children, namely: Florence, Robert, Lydia, Burdette, Irene and Ira, all of whom are living, with the exception of Lydia, who died aged four months. Mr. Spangler is a member of the order of Maccabees.

HARVEY A. MYERS, a well known farmer and stock dealer of Norton Township, was born on the excellent farm of eighty acres on which he now resides, December 29, 1853, son of Alpheus and Salome (Myers) Myers.

Alpheus Myers was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1818, and in boyhood accompanied his father, Henry Myers, to a farm near Wooster, Ohio. Later, Henry Myers, with all his family except Alpheus, removed to Indiana, where he died. Alpheus Myers came to Summit County April, 1846, where he purchased the 80-acre farm now owned and operated by his son, Harvey. He later bought the Sherman farm of 140 acres, and during the Civil War he further increased the extent of his property by purchasing a farm of 100 acres situated across the road from where he lived and which was called the Mosier farm. In addition to these farms he owned one of 140 acres in Missouri. He also drilled and found coal and opened the mine, known as the Myers mine in Wadsworth Township, Medina County. He was a man of excellent business qualifications, and during the Civil war made a large amount of money in buying and shipping horses for the government. He was a highly respected citizen of Norton Township and died March 1, 1878. His death was the result of an accident. He was about to make a business trip to the west and also visit his aged mother. While waiting at the Wadsworth station, engaged in conversation with a friend, he accidentally stepped in front of a moving train and was instantly killed.

Alpheus Myers married Salome Myers, who survived him many years, dying in October, 1900. They had six children, the youngest of whom, Owen, died October 7, 1905. The others were as follows: William H., residing in Akron; Mary, wife of Isaac Tinsman, and a resident of Akron; Lavina, who married Solomon Kraver, and resides in Medina County; Josepha, residing in Medina County, who married (first) Septimius Siberling, and moved to Iowa, where he died, and (second) Jacob Slamker, whom she survives; and Harvey A., of Norton Township.

Harvey A. Myers was reared in his native place and has always resided on this fine, old farm, where he successfully carries on general farming and stock-dealing, making a specialty of cows. He attended the district schools during his boyhood, and is a man of much general information, keeping himself abreast of the times, as the modern farmer has to do to enjoy a full measure of prosperity.

Mr. Myers married Alice B. Miller, a daughter of Frank Miller, of Norton Township, and they have a family of eight children, namely: Frank, married and residing in Akron; Fred, who married Emma Weaver and resides at home with his parents; Sadie, who is the wife of Charles Messner, and has one child, Florence; Mattie, who married William Helmick, and has one child, Fley; Hattie, who married Elmer Hall and has one child, Harold; and Elsie, Vernie and Chloe. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have their children settled around them, or still remaining under the home roof, and have never yet been called on to part with any of them. The family is one well known all through Norton Township.

C. W. MOORE, president of the Union Printing Ink Company, one of Akron's useful industries, with a plant located at 1031 South High Street, has been a resident of this city for over a quarter of a century, and

from boyhood has been identified with many of its various interests. Mr. Moore was born April 10, 1866, at Erie, Pennsylvania, and when fifteen years old came to Akron, where he attended school for a time. He then went to work for the Thomas Phillips Paper Company, with which he remained for nine years, being for six years afterwards with the Akron Chemical Company. He then became one of the organizers of the Union Printing Ink Company, which enterprise was incorporated April 27, 1901, with a capital stock of $10,000. Mr. Moore has been president of the company since its incorporation. The company manufactures all kinds of ink, and its field of trade is constantly widening. Mr. Moore has that practical knowledge of the business, combined with executive ability, which enables him to direct its course successfully in the face of competition.

On June 30, 1896, Mr. Moore was married to Louise E. Meir, who was born in Akron. He and his wife are members of Grace Reformed Church, and he belongs to the Board of Deacons. His fraternal connections include membership in Nemo Lodge, and the Encampment, I. O. O. F.

WEBSTER FRANKLIN CARMANY, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Stow Township, who is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of 108 acres, was born on his present farm July 18, 1878, son of Isaac and Ellen (Durstein) Carmany.

Isaac Carmany was born in Manchester, Franklin Township, Summit County, where he now carries on extensive farming operations. His wife, Ellen, who was the daughter of Jacob Durstein, died in July, 1903, aged forty-eight years. She professed the faith of the Evangelical Church of the local organization, of which Mr. Carmany is treasurer. An earnest Christian woman, she was active in church and charitable work. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carmany—Cora Elnora, who is deceased; Webster Franklin; and Russell Glennard, who lives at home.

Webster Franklin Carmany was educated in the common schools and at the age of eighteen years received a teacher's certificate in Manchester, to which place he had come in 1887. He never engaged in teaching, however, but learned the trade of drafting and patternmaking in Franz Body's shop in Akron, which he followed for ten or twelve years at different places. In 1904, on account of ill health, he was forced to give up this occupation, and purchased his present farm from his father, it having been formerly the property of his mother. Mr. Carmany cultivates seventy-five acres of this tract, raising oats, wheat, corn and potatoes, and his farm is one of the most highly cultivated in this section of the township. In the winter months he keeps seven or eight head of cattle and disposes of his milk to the Co-operative Creamery at Stow Corners.

Mr. Carmany was married to Amelia Shumacher, who is a daughter of Charles Shumacher of Akron, and four children have been born to them: Florence Blanche, Helen May, Mabel Celia and Charles Isaac. Mr. Carmany is a member of the Maccabees at Elkhart, and in politics is independent. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Carmany's father was born in Germany, coming to America at twenty-one years of age, in 1865. He married Celia Herbruck, of Stark County, Ohio. Both parents are now living.

GEORGE H. COWLING, residing on a very valuable farm of eighty-four acres, which was formerly known as the old Linford Surfass farm, in Norton Township, was born in what is now known as Barberton, on the farm of his uncle, Abraham Betz, March 27, 1861, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Betz) Cowling.

The father of Mr. Cowling was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of weaving woolen blankets, at which he worked until about thirty years of age, when he went to farming. When he came first to Summit County he settled at Middlebury and operated a weaving factory for a time and then moved to the present site of Barberton, from which point,

in 1865, he moved to the Jacob Wise farm, west of Norton Center. After living there for six years he moved to the J. F. Seiberling farm, which he rented for twenty-one years. Mr. Cowling then moved to Nebraska, accompanied by all of his family except George H., where he bought a farm of 300 acres. He lived there for seven years, but sold on account of the climate not agreeing with his wife, and returned to Ohio in the hope of restoring her to health. He settled in Medina County in 1893, where she died in 1894. Mr. Cowling still survives, aged eighty years, residing on his farm in Wadsworth Township.

George H. Cowling was reared in Norton Township and has made farming his main business in life. In 1884 he was married to Mary Baughman, who died April 20, 1905. She was a daughter of James Baughman, a tanner by trade, who formerly lived at Western Star. Two children were born to this marriage, Bessie and William.

For sixteen years Mr. Cowling and family lived in Wadsworth Township, moving from there to Sharon Township for four years, and then came to Norton Township, Summit County. He purchased the present farm of George Dreisbach, January 6, 1903, and moved to it on March 7, 1904. He sold the property on May 28, 1907, to O. C. Barber. Mr. Cowling is a well known and highly respected citizen.

FRANK SPRIGGLE, the owner and operator of the old Chamberlin mill, a landmark in Summit County, which is situated in Springfield Township, as is also Mr. Spriggle's truck farm of seventeen acres, is a well-known and respected citizen of this section, where he has spent the whole of his life. He was born in Summit County, Ohio, May 18, 1856, and is a son of Jacob and Christina (Pontius) Spriggle.

The first of the Spriggle family to locate in Summit County was Emanuel Spriggle, who came from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and settled on the Rudy farm, one mile east of Uniontown, but a few acres of which had yet been cleared, the rest of the land being covered with a heavy growth of timber. Emanuel Spriggle lived into his ninety-ninth year, and never moved beyond the radius of twenty miles from the place on which he first settled. Jacob Spriggle, father of Frank, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1827, and accompanied his parents to Summit County in 1833. He often told his children, in later days, of the wild conditions that prevailed in his boyhood, where they only saw cultivated land and a comfortable home. There were many deer in this section and it was no unusual event to find them hiding in various places about the farm, sometimes in a hollow tree and at other times under a shock of grain. They had not yet learned their later fear of human beings and at that time were not difficult of capture. Jacob Spriggle learned the blacksmith trade at Uniontown, which he followed more or less for forty-five years in Coventry Township. He retired from work by order of his physician, who had discovered heart trouble, and he now resides at Monroe Falls. During his active years he built hundreds of coal cars for Brewster Brothers and the Steese Coal Banks. He was married (first) to Elizabeth Pontius, a native of Ohio and a member of a prominent old family. She died in 1865, the mother of two sons and two daughters, namely: Monia, who died at the age of twelve years; Frank; Amanda, who married Cyrus Kepler, and Malinda, who married Philip Danner, now deceased. The second marriage of Jacob Spriggle was to Elizabeth Spitler, and they had the following children: Allen, residing between Monroe and Cuyahoga Falls, married Emma Myers; Jacob, residing on the old home with his father and sister, operates the farm and also works in the adjacent paper mill; Jeremiah, residing at Cuyahoga Falls, engaged in a grocery business, married Addie Huron; Jacob, residing a few miles west of Winnipeg, Canada; Barbara, residing near Monroe Falls, is the widow of Frank Donaldson, who died in 1904; Henry, who lives at home; Sarah, who married William Ritzman,

residing between Tallmadge and Monroe Falls, and Mary, who married Isah Bechtel, residing in Monroe Falls.

Frank Spriggle was reared a farmer and all his mature life has been devoted to tilling the soil and milling. He owns seventeen acres of very valuable, productive land, and this tract he devotes to truck purposes, making it very profitable through his excellent methods. He divides his time between his farm and the mill, having acquired the latter property in 1896. He makes here only Graham and rye flour and chops and has a steady run of custom. This mill was built sixty-five years ago by James Chamberlin, who operated it for a number of years. Later it was the property of William Buchtel and still later of John Hosler, who made the last flour produced here. After his death the property was disposed of at the administrator's sale, and was purchased by Mr. Spriggle.

In 1881 Mr. Spriggle was married to Savilla Grable, who is a daughter of Jonathan Grable, a substantial farmer of Green Township, Summit County, and they have had two sons and two daughters born to them, namely: Della, who married William Briner, residing in Copley Township, has two children, Frank and Margaret; Susie, who married Frank Gongler, residing in Springfield Township, has three children, Park, Pearl and Dayton; Newton, residing at home and working in the mill, and Earl, residing at home and working on a railroad.

In political sentiment, Mr. Spriggle is nominally a Democrat, but he reserves the right to cast his vote independently. Religiously, he is a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, the Saints and the Last Days. There are many lessons to be learned in considering the life of Mr. Spriggle. He left home in boyhood after the death of his mother, and without the slightest assistance in the way of counsel or financial help, has acquired valuable property and has gained a place in the community where he commands the respect and enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens. His success is the direct result of his own unassisted efforts.

ABRAHAM SNYDER, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, who is engaged in threshing and operating both a grain and sawmill, was born May 7, 1833, on a farm but one and a quarter miles distant from the one on which he lives, in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. His parents were Jost A. and Salome (Baughman) Snyder.

The father of Mr. Snyder was born August 25, 1791, in Low Hill Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and came to Green Township, Summit County, which was then a part of Stark County, after his marriage. He served under General Jackson in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of New Orleans. When he settled in Summit County he had a wagon and two horses, by means of which he had transported his family and possessions over the 500 miles between the old home and the new, and a money capital of $105, all but five dollars of which he paid for twenty acres of land. To this first purchase he made seven additions of adjoining land, and at his death owned sixty-three acres. He built first a cabin of logs, 10 by 15 feet in dimensions, which was supplanted by a larger cabin having a board roof, and this in turn was followed by a hewed-log house, two and one-half stories in height, its dimensions being 30 by 20 feet, and his fourth house and the last one which he erected was also of logs, framed about, 24 by 16 feet in dimensions, with a kitchen attached which was 10 by 12 feet.

Mr. Snyder was a man of pioneer robustness and was reasonably proud of his prowess in hunting bear, and frequently shot wolves and deer on the very land on which Akron now stands. He never forgot the friends of his youth, and during his subsequent residence in Ohio, walked the distance of 500 miles back to Pennsylvania to visit those left behind, on three occasions. He was welcome wherever he went, being a man of kindly nature, jovial spirit and great native intelligence. He married Salome Baughman and they had fifteen children, namely: Joshua, Elizabeth, George, Joel, Isaiah, Jacob, So-

phia, Daniel, Paul, Ezra, Jonas, Abraham, Nathan and Peter, all surviving to a good age except two, one of these being an unnamed infant born next to the youngest. They grew up resembling their father, large, fine appearing men and women. The survivors are: Nathan, residing in Brimfield Township, Portage County; Paul, residing in West Township, Marshall County, Indiana, and Abraham, of Springfield Township.

Abraham Snyder had few educational advantages in his youth, his real school attendance being covered by two months, but he has always made the most of his opportunities and is able to write intelligently in both the English and German languages, something very many of the younger generation cannot accomplish. He thinks he is probably one of the oldest threshers in all this section, as he was not more than ten years of age when he began feeding a threshing machine. During his boyhood he worked in the mill in his neighborhood, during a large part of the time when not threshing, and during the winter seasons helped operate the old loom in the kitchen, where all the cloth for the big family was woven. He grew to manhood with ingrained habits of industry and thrift.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Snyder commenced to consider the subject of enlisting, but like many others, private duties and responsibilities stood in the way. He had been reared a Democrat by a stanch Democratic father, but both were men of loyal sentiment and, in 1863, Abraham Snyder proved that his patriotism was more than mere talk by offering his services and enlisting in Company F, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, with the rank of first lieutenant. He participated in many important battles and traveled thousands of miles on long and weary marches.

After the close of the Civil War, Mr. Snyder returned to his home and engaged in farming and his previous occupations until 1888, when he moved on his present farm, where he is still engaged in milling and also in threshing. Snyder's mill at Millheim is a historic landmark. The dam was built in 1817 and the mill constructed shortly afterward, and it is the oldest mill in Summit County. In 1828 it was rebuilt by Michael Myers and is situated on a part of lot 7, tract 6, on the banks of Tuscarawas Creek. Mr. Snyder purchased the mill from H. J. Kreighbaum in 1899, he being the assignee of its former owner, William C. Shook. The stanch old frame work is of hewed timber. A sawmill formerly stood near, but the grain mill was built soon after the first settlement. It is a paying property under Mr. Snyder's excellent management. He grinds chop and feed and has all he can do, keeping the mill running both day and night.

On June 19, 1858, Mr. Snyder was married to Catherine Cranoble, who is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Cranoble. She was born in Grote Township, Center County, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1834, and accompanied her parents to Suffield Township, Portage County, where they settled on the farm now owned by Jacob Mishler.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have had born to them four sons and one daughter, the survivors being: William, Stephen Douglas, Sarah and George Pendleton. William Snyder, residing at Millheim, married Mary Rodenbaugh, who is now deceased. She left two sons and one daughter, Curtis, Oscar W. and Sadie. Stephen Douglas Snyder married Mary Ellen Tritt, who is a daughter of Joseph Tritt, and they reside in the brick house near Tritt mill. They have six children, namely: Agnes, Frank, George, Stanley, Harry and Anna. Sarah Snyder married William Tritt, who has a farm and owns a home at Middlebury. He is engaged in the rural mail delivery service. Their children are: Norman, Hugh, Elton, Wilbur and Nettie. George, the youngest of Mr. Synder's family, is unmarried, and resides at home assisting his father. Both Mr. Snyder and his wife remain hale and hearty, and they both continue their usual avocations and enjoy the pleasant social life of the neighborhood with as much ease and zest as they did many years ago. They are people who stand very

high in the esteem of the community and are known from one end of the township to the other.

All his mature life, Mr. Snyder has taken an interest in seeing his neighborhood advance with the rest of the world and he has willingly done his share in developing it. He has been liberal in his contributions to schools, churches and public-spirited enterprises of various kinds, while he is noted for his many acts of benevolence which he never discusses. For the past fifteen years he has served as township assessor, and in keeping his records he has preserved the ages of all the taxpayers in the township, finding it to sum up at present to 18,671 years. He is a faithful and efficient official.

THE COLUMBIA CHEMICAL COMPANY, manufacturers of soda ash, caustic soda and sulphate of ammonia, with extensive works located at Barberton, is one of the most important industries of Summit County. The plant of this great company covers more than fifteen acres, and the factories are entirely of modern construction and equipment. The location of the plant is on the old Baughman farm, which was devoted to agriculture for many years. The company owns also some 300 acres of land, from which source are obtained a large part of the material consumed in the manufacture of their products. The trade field is not confined to the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, although that mighty corporation uses the bulk of their goods. Employment is given to from 400 to 500 men and boys, many of the former being expert chemists.

The Columbia Chemical Company was organized and incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1899, beginning operations in 1900. Its capital stock was placed at $1,500,000. The works of this company were built at Barberton, but the main offices of the company have always remained at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The officers of the Columbia Chemical Company are all men of experience, enterprise and large capital. They are: W. L. Clause, president; William D. Hartupee, vice president; Charles W. Brown, secretary; Edward Pitcairn, treasurer, and H. A. Galt, general manager, the officers making up the Board of Directors.

EPHRAIM STUMP, a highly respected retired resident of Franklin Township, residing on his farm of nineteen acres near Manchester, which is particularly valuable on account of several fine veins of coal having been opened on it, was born on the old homestead north of Manchester, Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 28, 1842, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Sorrick) Stump.

John Stump, the grandfather of Ephraim, was born in Pennsylvania, from whence he came to Ohio, settling west of Manchester, in Franklin Township, Summit County, locating on a farm which was but partly cleared. In 1841 he replaced the original log cabin with a stone house, which is still standing, it being about the only one left of the many stone houses of the '40's. Wild game was plentiful in those days, and Mr. Stump has in his possession some turkey feet, the birds having been shot in 1850, by his grandfather. The Indians had not yet left this locality, and Mr. Stump recalls numerous interesting experiences with them. Here John Stump and his wife, Elizabeth (Grove) Stump, lived for the remainder of their lives. They had eight children, four sons, namely: Jacob, David, John and Levi; and four daughters, namely: Catherine, who married William Kauffman; Eliza, who married Samuel Grove; Mary, who married P. Myers, and Sarah, who married J. W. Swigart.

Jacob Stump was about ten years old when the family journeyed from Pennsylvania to Ohio. In his youth, when not engaged in farming, he frequently filled the family larder with game. After his marriage he settled on a farm near which the Brewster mines were later opened, although this did not take place until after his death. He married Catherine Sorrick, who was a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Raber) Sorrick, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. Five

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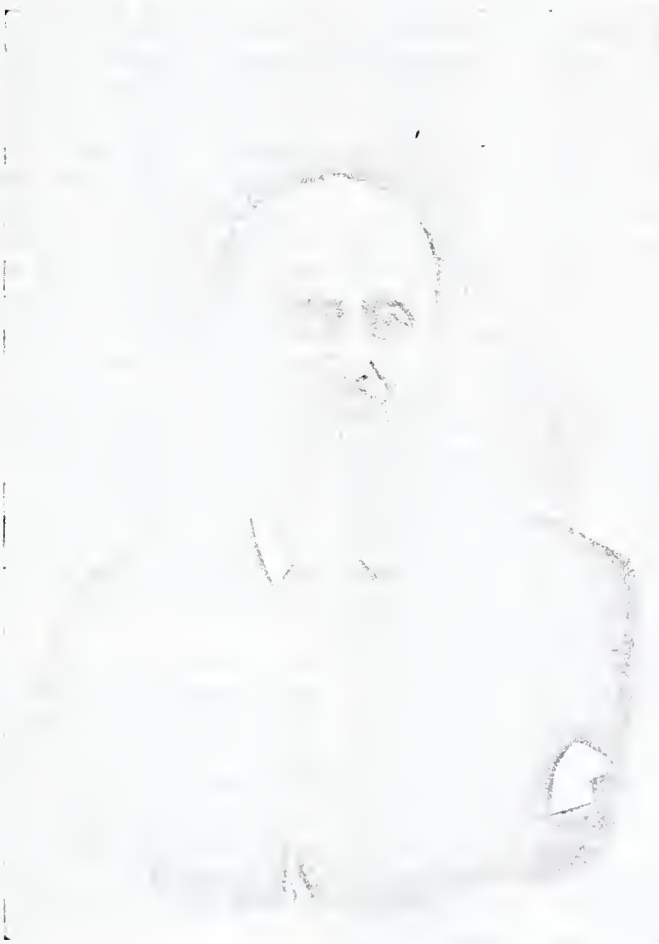

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children were born to this marriage, as follows: Ephraim, Matilda, who married George Donnenwith; Nathaniel, William, who is deceased, and Amos, who died in infancy. Jacob Stump died at the age of sixty-seven years and the death of his widow followed a few years later.

Ephraim Stump had but limited educational opportunities, as his services were re-required on the home farm, where he chopped wood, picked stones and threshed rye. From his sixteenth year until he was married he worked his father's farm, and thereafter operated rented farms until 1873, when he purchased his present farm in Manchester, a tract of nineteen acres, from the Hamm heirs. He located on this place in 1884, and until 1903 was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In that year coal was discovered on his property, which has since been mined by the Beachwood Company of Cleveland, the output of the mines being from 300 to 400 tons daily. Mr. Stump is now living in quiet retirement. In his political views he is a Democrat and supports that party's candidates on every occasion, but he has never cared for public life nor held office. His fraternal connection is with the Knights of Maccabees.

On November 29, 1870, Mr. Stump was united in marriage with Louisa Smith, who is a daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Diehl) Smith, and to this union there were born three children, namely: Bertie, Clarence and Frederick. Bertie married William Sissler, and they have three children: Gerrold, Donovan and John. Mr. and Mrs. Stump are consistent members and liberal supporters of the Reformed Church.

GEORGE W. HART, who, for twenty years was a highly respected resident of Cuyahoga Falls, and formerly a successful agriculturist of Stow Township, was born at Middleburg, Summit County, Ohio, July 12, 1832, and died at Cuyahoga Falls, December 15, 1900. He was a son of Colonel John C. and Margaret (Sterling) Hart.

The Hart family originated in England and came to Connecticut among the early colonists. Rufus Hart, the grandfather of George W., was born at Goshen, Connecticut, in 1771, and in 1795 he married Esther Cotter. In 1802 he moved to Genesee County, New York, and in May, 1815, to Middleburg, Ohio, which is now the Sixth Ward of Akron, which city was then represented by less than a half dozen log cabins, the whole surrounding country being then covered by a heavy forest growth. As an officer in the War of 1812, he participated in the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, and the burning of Buffalo.

Colonel John C. Hart, father of George W., was born at Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut, April 17, 1798, and was only fourteen years of age when he joined Captain Stone's company of cavalry. He was in his father's regiment at various points and bravely faced hardships with the veterans at the evacuation of Fort George. He continued in the service until the close of the war, and then accompanied his father to New York and subsequently to Ohio. When he was twenty-one years old he left the paternal roof and started out to seek the proverbial fortune, incidentally to find employment. He was of robust constitution, and the mere fact of being obliged to walk a hundred miles or so probably did not discourage him to any great degree. When he reached Steubenville he boarded a lumber raft and floated a distance down the river; from that point he walked to Cincinnati, and from there made his way to St. Louis. For about two months he worked in a mill in that city and later engaged in the manufacture of brick at a small place where malarial conditions prevailed to such an extent that he was taken ill with chills and fever, and his adventures abroad were brought to a close. He managed to return home, and when he regained his health purchased a farm of fifty acres just south of Middleburg, and there passed the rest of his active life, dying August 20, 1880. He always remained interested in military affairs and late in life he raised a regiment of cavalry of which he was elected colonel.

On February 23, 1831, John C. Hart was married to Mrs. Margaret A. Sterling, and they became the parents of the following children: George W., John S., Charles S., Hiram, Elizabeth and Fannie A. The last mentioned married Clinton Ruckel. Hiram died from disease contracted in the Civil War.

The late George W. Hart was reared and educated in his native township and attended the local schools, in the meanwhile assisting on the home farm. After his marriage he settled on a farm of 160 acres situated in Stow Township, where he resided until he retired to Cuyahoga Falls in 1880. He made his main interest dairying and sheep growing. He was a man of sterling character, strong in the advocacy of what he believed to be right, but just in his dealings with all men. For many years he was a vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church at Cuyahoga Falls. In his political life he was a stanch supporter of the Republican party and was a man particularly well fitted for public office, but his ambitions were not in that direction. He served as township commissioner and always took an interest in the public schools. He was connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 187, at Cuyahoga Falls.

On August 18, 1853, George W. Hart was married to Anna H. Beardsley, who was born in Middlebury (Akron) July 18, 1832, and is a daughter of Talman and Temperance (Spicer) Beardsley. To this marriage six children were born, the two who reached maturity being: Emma F. and Clarissa. The latter married R. D. Morgan, and resides at Cleveland. Mrs. Hart and her daughters are members of the Episcopal Church.

Talman Beardsley, father of Mrs. Hart, was born December 23, 1799, in Delhi, Delaware County, New York, and accompanied his father's family to Licking County, Ohio, in 1810, and to Middlebury in 1818, where he worked for a short time in a foundry, and then bought a farm which is the present site of the Leggett school. He disposed of that property and bought another in Coventry Township on which he lived for thirty years. He became a leading citizen in this part of Summit County, was a prominent Republican, and served many years as a justice of the peace and also as township clerk. His parents were Daniel and Hannah (Bailey) Beardsley.

In 1831, Talman Beardsley married Temperance Spicer, who was a daughter of Major Minor and Cynthia (Allen) Spicer. Major Spicer was a native of Connecticut and a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He was a very early pioneer in Summit County, where he acquired large tracts of land. He donated the land on which Buchtel College now stands, it formerly having been his private burying ground. He was twice married, Mrs. Beardsley being a child of his first union.

The children of Talman Beardsley and wife were: Anna H. (Mrs. Hart); Emily, Mills and Avery, all of whom are deceased; and Avery, second, residing at Adrian, Michigan. The family were reared in the Universalist faith. Talman Beardsley died July 18, 1891, surviving his wife by but three months, her death having taken place March 22, earlier in the same year. Mrs. Hart was reared at Akron and was one of the first students of the Akron High School when it was under the direction of M. D. Leggett.

F. LAHMERS, M. D., physician and surgeon, at Barberton, has built up a large and lucrative practice during his residence here of nine years, and he has also become one of the leading citizens of the town. Dr. Lahmers was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, August 23, 1872, and is a son of Charles Lahmers, for many years a substantial farmer of that county. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm, and his early education acquired in the country schools. Later he attended the Normal College at New Philadelphia, and subsequently Scio College, at Scio, Ohio, for one year, his collegiate course extending from his seventeenth to his nineteenth year, after which he began to teach school in the vicinity of his home. During

the three years he was so engaged, he began to read medicine, and in 1894 was prepared to enter the Baltimore Medical College, where he was graduated in 1898.

Dr. Lahmers immediately located at Beach City, Ohio, where he practiced medicine for six months, then coming to Barberton. In 1907 he took a post-graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School. His reputation as to professional ability extends beyond the town, and his practice requires the larger part of his time and attention. Nevertheless he finds time to show interest in matters pertaining to the general welfare of the community, and formerly served as health officer.

In the spring of 1899, Dr. Lahmers was married to Florence C. Peters, who is a daughter of Dr. H. J. Peters, of Ragersville, Ohio. He is a member of the Reformed Church, having been reared in that faith. He is connected with several medical organizations, and with the fraternal orders of Elks, Maccabees and Pathfinders.

JOHN W. WHITE, manager of the White Lumber Company, which is engaged in a retail lumber and repair business, and also does general contracting, with a plant on the corner of Case and River Streets, Akron, is one of the old and reliable business men of this city, one who has watched its growth for the past forty years. He was born in 1854, at Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. White was thirteen years of age when he came to Akron, and in boyhood began to work in the box factory of Ohio Barber, where he remained employed for thirteen years. Later he was with the Aultman-Miller Company for fifteen years. In 1891 he embarked in a lumber business, and since that date has been manager of the White Lumber Company. He is interested also in real estate and does a good business in the buying, building and selling of houses. In 1876 Mr. White married Kate Johnston, a daughter of Thomas Johnston, who was formerly a large manufacturer of sewer pipe at Akron. Mr. White is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, and for thirty-five years he has belonged to its official board. He is a man widely known and respected.

CLARK A. SACKETT, a leading citizen of Tallmadge Township, residing on his farm of 136 acres, was born on this farm in Summit County, Ohio, May 15, 1837, and is a son of Clark and Laura (Aiken) Sackett.

The Sackett family is an old colonial one of New England. Benjamin Sackett, the grandfather of Clark A., died in Connecticut. His children were as follows: Simeon, who lived and died at Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio; Myron, who died in Connecticut; Salmon, who died in Summit County; Moses and Benjamin, who lived in Connecticut; Clark and Aaron.

Clark Sackett, father of Clark A., was born at Warren, Connecticut, in 1793. He was still a young man when he joined a colony of pioneer settlers who came with their possessions to make early settlement and secure homes in Summit County, driving their ox-teams through forests where they had to cut a path. They purchased lands of the great Connecticut Land Company, which, at that time, had control of the lands of a large part of the Western Reserve. Clark Sackett was a true pioneer, accepting all the hardships incident to establishing himself in a new country, and through his industry and sterling virtues, becoming a man of substance and prominence. He lived to advanced age. He first secured 100 acres of land in Tallmadge Township, to which he later added seventy-five acres, lying just west of his first purchase. He put up a log house which stood for a number of years, but was later replaced by the substantial residence which is occupied by his son, Clark A. A portion of the old house Mr. Sackett utilized to house his bees, as he took a great deal of interest in the bee industry for many years. He cleared all his land, and also assisted greatly in promoting the civilizing agencies of this section.

In 1816 Clark Sackett was married (first) to Cynthia Preston. He was married (second) to Laura Aiken, and (third) to Jane Pierce. The mother of Clark A. Sackett, Laura Aiken, was born in 1800, at Norwalk, Connecticut, and was married in the fall of 1822. She was six years old when her father, Asher Aiken, removed to Vernon, Ohio. There were the following children born to Clark and Laura Sackett: Hiram, who died in Tallmadge Township, married (first) Eliza Treat, and (second) Mabel Fenn; Cynthia, who married Luther Heath, is survived by children residing at Genesee, New York, and also a son, Theodore, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Edwin, residing at Genesee, New York, married Susan Pierce; Amelia, deceased, who married the late Dr. George Chapman, of New York; Benjamin, who died in infancy; Benjamin (2), who died in infancy; Clark A., residing in Tallmadge Township; Charles, who married Flora Treat, and Darius.

Clark A. Sackett attended the local schools and subsequently taught three terms, after which he engaged in farming and in operating a threshing machine. He owns a valuable farm of 136 acres on which he carries on a general line of agriculture, meeting with the success which has placed him among the substantial men of his section. Politically, he is a Republican and has always been a loyal supporter of the Government. During the Civil War he served through an enlistment in Company D, 164th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered in at Cleveland. The services of this company were utilized around the city of Washington and when they were no longer needed, the regiment was honorably discharged at Cleveland.

Clark A. Sackett was married (first) to Kate Ashmun, who was a daughter of M. Ashmun. He was married (second) to Lottie Austin, who was born at Newton Falls, Ohio, and is a daughter of Enos and Sarah (Sackett) Austin. The father of Mrs. Sackett was born in 1809, at Warren, Ohio, and died at Youngstown, in 1886. The mother of Mrs. Sackett was born in 1820, at Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, was married in 1840, and died at Youngstown, in 1883. Enos Austin and wife had three children, two daughters and one son, the latter of whom died in infancy. The daughters are: Phidelia, who married Frank Stiles, a resident of Youngstown, and Mrs. Sackett. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Sackett were Myron and Orpha (Dean) Sackett, the former of whom was born at Warren, Connecticut, and the latter at Cornwall, Connecticut. This branch of the Sackett family can be traced to Simon and Isabella Sackett, members of the Pilgrim colony.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Clark A. Sackett taught for a number of years, first in the public schools of Youngstown and later in the Blind Asylum, at Columbus. She is an accomplished lady. Both she and her sister were teachers, the latter for a period of twenty-five years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sackett belong to the Congregational Church at Tallmadge, in which Mrs. Sackett is the organist. Mr. Sackett has served in a number of public positions, and has been both supervisor and trustee of Tallmadge Township.

CHARLES H. SWIGART, one of the best known and most popular citizens of Franklin Township, the talented teacher of music in the rural schools, was born on the old family homestead in Summit County, Ohio, January 9, 1863, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Haring) Swigart.

The Swigart family is an old settled one of this section of Ohio. Joseph Swigart, the great-grandfather, having brought the family from Pennsylvania. George Swigart, the grandfather, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and was a boy when his parents made the long overland journey, settling first near Canton, but removing later to Canal Fulton, where Joseph Swigart secured the farm now owned by Isaiah Swigart. On that farm the great-grandfather died at the age of forty-eight years. George Swigart married Elizabeth Daily and they spent their lives in Franklin Township,

where he owned 206 acres of land. They died aged about eighty-two years. Their children were fifteen in number and those who survive are: Mrs. Caroline J. Cormany, Mrs. Catherine D. Grill, Mrs. Susan S. Kepler, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Surfass, George A., Henry, Jacob, Hiram and Daniel. Those deceased were: John, Joseph, David, Anna, Sarah and Margaret.

Joseph Swigart was born on his father's farm in Franklin Township, which is now owned by Aaron A. Swigart. He married Sarah Haring, who was also born in Franklin Township, where she still survives, living on the old homestead. Joseph Swigart died in 1895, aged seventy years. He had two children: Aaron A. and Charles Hiram.

Charles Hiram Swigart attended the district schools and supplemented the instruction so obtained by a period in the graded schools of Manchester and Clinton, completing his education with two years' attendance at the Normal University at Ada, Ohio. Gifted with musical talent, Mr. Swigart has spent quite a large amount of time and money in developing and perfecting it, and has done a great deal of musical instructing. He has also taught school in various sections. He owns a one-half interest in the old homestead place of 201 acres, which he and his brother operate together, and he also carries on general farming on the old Diehl farm.

On April 19, 1894, Mr. Swigart was married to Hattie May Diehl, who is a daughter of William and Eliza (Diehl) Diehl. They have two children, Hallie and Gladys.

Mr. Swigart is a member of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the order of Maccabees.

MADISON WALTZ, a successful agriculturist of Franklin Township, where he is operating the old Dice property, was born November 2, 1855, at Sharon, Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Elias and Lucetta (Kintz) Waltz.

David Waltz, the grandfather of Madison, was one of the early settlers of Wayne County, Ohio, where he followed the trade of a gunsmith. He died at Wadsworth, aged eighty-six years. He was married three times. His first marriage was to a Miss Baughman, and all but one of his sixteen children were born to the first union.

Elias Waltz, father of Madison, was born and reared near Wadsworth, Wayne County, Ohio. Like other members of his family, he was musically gifted. He became an instructor on the violin and a member of the famous Waltz Band, a musical organization which was made up of Elias Waltz and two of his brothers, with nine cousins, who were brothers. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the army as a musician. He was prostrated with typhoid fever shortly afterward and died in the South, where his burial took place, being then in this thirtieth year. He married Lucetta Kintz, who died in 1866, aged thirty-six years. They had eight children, namely: Sylvester, residing at Toledo, Ohio; Madison, Wilson, residing in Summit County; Luvander, residing at Akron, and four who died young.

Madison Waltz began to attend school at Sharon, where his father was there operating an old-fashioned "up and down" sawmill, and from that place went to his grandfather Kintz's farm, in Wayne County. After his father's death he accompanied his mother to Hametown, where she soon died, leaving him an orphan when ten years of age. He was bound out to Ben Richel, north of Johnson's Corner, with whom he remained a short time, and for six and one-half years was with C. F. Meese. During this time he had little or no school advantages. For five years thereafter he worked as a hired man on different farms in that section, and after his marriage he conducted the David Pow farm for a short time. In 1881 he located at Akron, where he followed teaming and was in the employ of the owners of the stone mill for five years. The following four years were spent in carpenter work, with his brothers, Sylvester and Luvander. Mr. Waltz then engaged in contracting on his own account, which he followed until 1903, in which year he removed to his present place, the property of his wife's

mother and the heirs of Jeremiah Dice. Although Mr. Waltz spent a number of years in the city, he by no means forgot how to farm, and was credited in the Akron papers of 1907 with having the finest wheat field in Summit County.

On December 25, 1878, Mr. Waltz was united in marriage with Mary A. Dice, who is a daughter of Jeremiah and Caroline E. Dice. One child has been born to this union, Delbert Ellsworth, who resides at home and assists his father. Mr. Waltz is a Democrat in politics. He and his wife and son attend the Reformed Church, of which they are liberal supporters.

LOUIS LOEB, president of the J. Koch Company, which is the largest clothing house at Akron, has been a resident of this city for almost forty years and is a man of prominence in its commercial life. Mr. Loeb was born in Germany, in 1853, and remained in his own land until he was seveteen years of age, securing there a good education.

Mr. Loeb located at Akron after reaching the United States, entering the employ of the reliable old firm of Koch & Levi, from which Mr. Levi retired in 1878, Mr. Loeb purchasing his interest, and he remained associated with Mr. Koch, until January 1, 1907, when the latter retired. After the retirement of Mr. Koch, the business was incorporated as the J. Koch Company, with a capital stock of $50,000, the officers being: Louis Loeb, president; Philip Huber, vice president, and Solomon Goldsmith, secretary and treasurer. This is not only one of the oldest but one of the largest and most substantial houses in its line in this section of Ohio.

In 1882 Mr. Loeb was married to Alice Moss, who is a daughter of H. W. Moss, of Akron, and they have three children, namely: Edna, who is the wife of Arthur L. Abt, one of the leading business men of Canton; Joy T., who is in charge of the office of the J. Koch Company, and Irene, residing at home. Mr. Loeb and family belong to the Akron Hebrew Congregation, and he has served in various church offices. Mr. Loeb is a member of the Masonic lodge, of the Royal Arcanum, the National Union and the Elks club.

I. F. ALLEN, vice president and treasurer of the R. & A. Supply Company, wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, located at No. 66 South Howard Street, is also vice president and secretary of another large business enterprise of Akron, the Jahant Heating Company. He was born in 1868, in Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John Allen, a retired resident of Akron. Mr. Allen's father was born in 1829, on the same farm in Summit County on which his son was born thirty-nine years later. He is a son of Jonah Allen, who came to this section of Ohio from Connecticut in 1811. The family is one of the most respected and substantial ones of the county.

After completing his education, which included a full commercial course at Hammel's Business College, I. F. Allen went to Cleveland, and for seven years was connected with the George Worthington Hardware Company, of that city. In 1891 he came back to Akron and bought the interest of Mr. Williams in the hardware firm of Williams & Rohrbacher, the firm of Rohrbacher & Allen being then established. In October, 1907, the business was incorporated as the R. & A. Supply Company with a capital stock of $50,000. The officers are: A. C. Rohrbacher, president; I. F. Allen, vice president and treasurer, and Mr. Hawkins, secretary. The members of the firm are all practical hardware men and the business is one which extends over a wide extent and does a large amount of annual trading.

In 1891 Mr. Allen was married to Eva May Geddes, of Cleveland, and they have one child, Clifford L., who is a bright student in the Akron public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are members of the First Church of Christ, Akron. Fraternally, Mr. Allen is a Knight Templar Mason, affiliated with the Masonic club, also an Odd Fellow.

ALFRED WOOD, a leading citizen of Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, who owns a farm of fifty-six acres, about thirty of which are under cultivation, was born October 23, 1842, at Independence, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and is a son of Benjamin and Charlotte (Belden) Wood.

Benjamin Wood was born in 1816 on the Strand, London, England, where he attended boarding school until fourteen years of age, and at the age of twenty-one years came to America. He had learned the tailor's trade in his native land, but did not follow it to any extent, after a short residence at Cleveland settling on a farm in Independence. From 1862 until 1900 he was connected with the firm of Benjamin Stair and Son, at Cleveland, and became a man of some means, making three trips to his native country. Mr. Wood was possessed of scholarly attainments, and was elected to a number of township offices, including that of trustee. His death occurred in August, 1905. Mr. Wood was married to Charlotte Belden, whose ancestry dates back to colonial days, and they had three children: Norman, who died November 18, 1907; Alfred, subject of this sketch, and Martha, who is the widow of John R. Richardson, of Cleveland. Benjamin Wood was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, but there being no churches in Independence when he located there, he became a Presbyterian, and paid nearly half of the cost of erecting there the church of that denomination.

Alfred Wood received a common school education in Independence, and in youth secured employment with the firm of Benjamin Stair & Son, at Cleveland, for whom he worked for a year and a half. At the end of this time he rented a farm at St. Mary's, Canada, where he remained for five years, and then located at Akron, being employed in the Buckeye shops for sixteen years. Subsequently he became foreman of the Lamson and Session shops at Cleveland, but in 1893 purchased the Charles Viers farm, a tract of fifty-six acres in lot 65, about thirty acres of which Mr. Wood has under cultivation. He keeps about eight head of cattle, is largely interested in bee culture, and raises blooded horses. His principal crops are oats, wheat, hay and corn, and he has a fine orchard of apple, peach, pear and plum trees.

Mr. Wood has given much attention to horticulture and was one of the charter members of the Summit County Horticultural Society. He has been very active in scientific work, being associated with Prof. Claypole of Buchtel College, his studies embracing all the natural sciences. On one occasion he read a paper before the Scientific Society of Buchtel College, setting forth the theory that the Cuyahoga River has always flowed north as at present, the accepted theory at that time (Newberry's), being that in prehistoric times the river flowed south. Mr. Wood's paper aroused wide discussion, but his theory was finally accepted, and was incorporated in the reports of the State Department of Geology. Fraternally, Mr. Wood is connected with Hesperion Lodge No. 281, Knights of Pythias, of Cleveland, and he was a charter member of Etolia Lodge No. 24, Knights of Pythias, of Akron, of which he was secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Wood was married to Sarah J. Johns, who is the daughter of James Johns, and to this union there were born six children: Mary, who is the wife of F. H. Fanning, of Cleveland; Charlotte, who is a well-known artist of Cleveland; Norman B., who lives at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Robert J., William H. and Amelia B., who reside in Cleveland. The family is connected with the Episcopal Church.

The Johns family, which is an old one of Hatherly, Devonshire, England, was founded in America by the parents of Mrs. Woods, who came to Canada when she was a child of three years, in 1843. James Johns, Mrs. Wood's father, was a machinist by trade, an occupation which he followed at Darlington, Ontario, until 1860, and then for a few years at Cleveland, Ohio. Later he removed to Independence, where he carried on farming for two years, but he sub-

sequently sold his farm and returned to his trade at Cleveland. Thence he went to Stratford, Ontario, in which place he established a machine shop. His death occurred in 1893, when he was in his eighty-ninth year; his wife, Mary (Bourne) James, died in 1891, when eighty-two years old. Mrs. Wood was the seventh of a family of sixteen children.

ARTHUR A. MOORE, president of the People's Savings and Banking Company, at Barberton, and also interested in a real estate and insurance business, was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, September 15, 1857, and is a son of Reuben and Lavantia (Adams) Moore.

For a number of years Reuben Moore, father of Arthur A., conducted a general mercantile business at Leon, Ohio, and was concerned to a considerable extent in the lumber industry of Ashtabula County, where he owned mills. He also owned and operated mills in Florida. Both he and wife are residents of Barberton.

Arthur A. Moore in boyhood attended the country schools near his home, and later the Grand River Institute at Austinburg. When eighteen years of age he started into business with his father with whom he remained two years. On attaining his majority, he decided to go into business for himself, having his own ideas concerning its development. Lacking capital to purchase a horse and wagon, he hired them, bought a stock of seasonable goods, and started out through the country to sell them. He met with excellent success, and soon established a store of his own at Leon, Ohio, keeping a man on the road, and was thus engaged for about thirteen years. When he came to Barberton he immediately showed his enterprise by the erection of the first brick block in the place, a substantial building, in which he established a general store. He was appointed the first postmaster of the village, serving in this office for two years. Closing out his mercantile interests, Mr. Moore, in 1901, entered into the insurance and real estate business, in which he is now the leader in this place. When the People's Savings and Banking Company was organized, Mr. Moore was elected president of this financial institution, which enjoys the confidence of the public. In many ways he has shown his public spirit and demonstrated his progressive ideas, and he ranks among the most prominent citizens of Barberton.

In 1879 Mr. Moore was married to Dora N. Bailey, and they have three children, namely: Nellie, Lena and Hattie. For five years Mr. Moore served as a member of the Barberton Board of Education, all his influence being given to encouraging good schools and other uplifting agencies. Mr. Moore is a member of the U. B. Church, of Barberton, and one of its most liberal supporters. Fraternally, he is a Mason.

NOAH FRASE, a prominent citizen of Franklin Township, who is engaged in agricultural operations on a well-cultivated tract of 100 acres, was born December 23, 1850, at the family home in Wayne County, Ohio, known as the Frase Settlement, and is a son of John A. and Mary (Etling) Frase.

John A. Frase, the grandfather of Noah was a native of Pennsylvania, and a tailor by trade. From Pennsylvania the trip to Ohio was made in wagons by Noah Frase, with his wife and five children, When John A., was about two years old. They at once settled on a 100-acre tract of land, which was subsequently mainly cleared and operated by the children, Mr. Frase continuing with his tailoring until his death.

John A. Frase, Jr., father of Noah, was reared upon the home farm, and there resided until about five years after his marriage, when he purchased a tract of eighty acres in the northeastern corner of Wayne County, and also acquired land in Summit County so that he was considered a man of some wealth. He married Mary Ettling, who survived him twelve years. To them were born eight children: Noah, William, who resides at Ashtabula; Catherine, who married William Deckerhoof; Peter M., who

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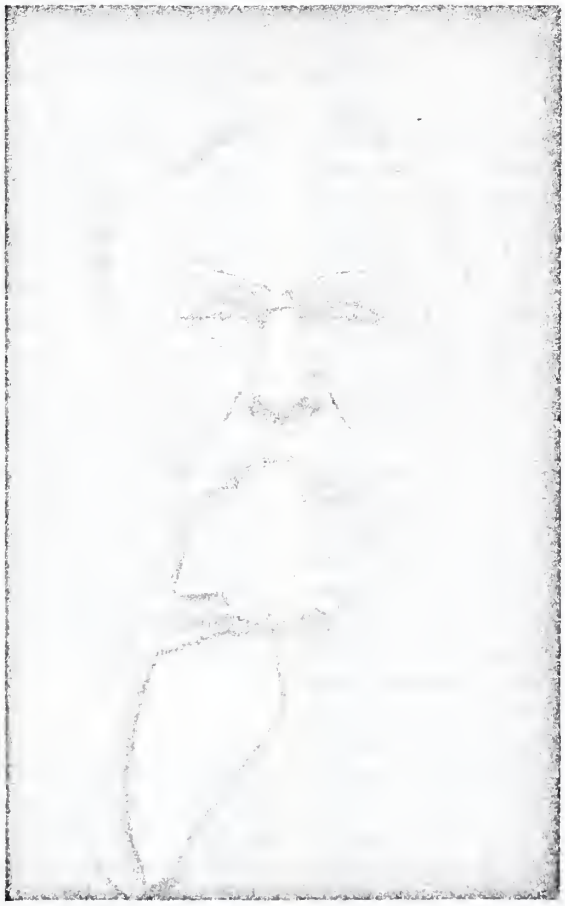

ROBERT S. PAUL

is an employe in a bank at Clinton; John W., who resides on the old home place in Wayne County; Mary, who married Charles Opplinger; Emma, who married Henry Slee, and Ida, who married Christopher Albrecht. The father died in Wayne County in 1888.

Noah Frase was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools until he reached his twenty-first year, when he went to work in the coal banks, where he continued for about ten years. He then worked for John Grill, at farming, and also in a sawmill for three years, at the end of which time he came to his present property, which he purchased from the old estate. Mr. Frase has been engaged in general farming here since 1887, and has proven himself a good, practical agriculturist. For the past seven years he has been a director in the Norton Mutual Insurance Company, of which he served two terms as treasurer. In political matters he is a Democrat.

On October 28, 1880, Mr. Frase was married to Amanda Grill, who is a daughter of John and Mary (Snyder) Grill, and to this union there have been born six children: Elmer, who married Elizabeth Oar, has one child, May; Oscar, Ida, who died at the age of nineteen years; Clayton, Doyle and Elizabeth. Mr. Frase, with his family, belongs to the Reformed Church, in which he serves as deacon.

ROBERT S. PAUL, third son of Hosea and Ellen Gamble Paul, was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, October 3, 1842, and died at Akron, Ohio, May 23, 1905. He received his academical education at home, it being extended by attendance at the Lebanon, Ohio, Institute and at Oberlin, and later by an engineering course at the Pennsylvania Polytechnic at Philadelphia. He became practically familiar with surveying operations and computations at an early age by reason of assisting his father, who was county surveyor and town engineer of Akron; his youthful activities, with the exception of a couple of terms teaching school, being thus quite exclusively in the line of service in later years.

During the Civil War, he spent about three years (1862-1865) with the Engineer Department, Army of the Cumberland, a part of which time was devoted to laying out the earthwork defenses for the city of Cincinnati.

He spent the years 1865 and 1866 surveying on Oil and Pithole Creeks, in Venango County, Pennsylvania. He was then over two years in Cleveland with the engineering firm of Sargent & Hartnell, and returned to Akron in 1869 to reside permanently.

Upon the death of his father in 1870, he became county surveyor, and held the office three terms. From 1874 to 1877 he was engaged in surveying and was the chief engineer of the O. & T. R. R. He was the chief engineer of the Valley Railway in 1887 and 1888. He was president for two terms of the Ohio County Surveyors' Association, and was secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers, and was a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., F. of A. and I. O. R. M.

He was a member of the firm of Paul Brothers, civil and mining engineers and surveyors, one of the oldest and best known firms in the state. His written records, generally full and definite, were supplemented and illuminated by a marvelous memory, which could recall every tradition, fact or circumstance. His knowledge of titles and land law was extensive and accurate. He had a wide acquaintance, and his advice and counsel were sought not only by his professional brethren but in many other directions. He was well equipped in mathematics, and a wide reader of the best literature, and gave much serious thought to deep problems.

Mr. Paul married Sarah M. Romig, July 25, 1872, and of this union there were seven children, four of whom are now living—Ellen Paul Nice, Ada Paul Bordner, Mary Paul and Edward W. Paul.

Robert S. Paul had five brothers: Harrison D. (deceased), George (deceased), Hosea, Jr., T. Dwight and Edward J., all of whom were or are now engaged in surveying and civil engineering. He had one sis-

ter, Mary (deceased), who was an expert draftsman and helped extensively in both the business of her father and of her brothers.

EDWARD W. PAUL, of the firm of Paul Brothers, civil and mining engineers and surveyors, at Akron, has been identified with this kind of work ever since he entered into business life. He was born at Akron, Ohio, August 23, 1880, and is a son of Robert S. and Sarah M. (Romig) Paul. His father was one of the county's most prominent men for many years and was a son of Hosea Paul, one of the first surveyors of Summit County.

Edward W. Paul was reared and educated in Akron, graduating from the Akron High School in 1898, and received his knowledge of surveying and civil engineering from his father, having assisted him for many years. He has had considerable experience in the line of railroad engineering, having served in the engineering department of the Erie Railroad in New York State in 1897; with the N. O. T. & L. Co. in 1898 and 1901; with the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. Co., in Indian Territory and Texas in 1902, and has charge of several railroad surveys in this section. He does a considerable amount of coal mine surveying and engineering and is considered an expert in this line. He was married December 31, 1903, to Agnes M. Burman, and they have one child, Winifred Mary.

HARRY D. TODD, M. D., a well-known physician and surgeon of Akron, belonging to the Eclectic School of Medicine, was born and reared at Springfield, Ohio, and in 1895 was graduated from Wittenberg College. He then entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1898. Dr. Todd immediately located at Akron, where he has been singularly successful in his practice. He is an enthusiast in his profession and keeps thoroughly posted on all matters pertaining to the scientific discoveries of the day; is a thoughtful student and a frequent contributor to medical literature. He is a member of the most prominent organizations of his school, including the Summit County and the Ohio State Associations, and is visiting physician of the Akron City Hospital staff. In 1900 Dr. Todd was married to Margery B. Pottenger, of Liberty, Indiana, and they have one child, James W. Fraternally, Dr. Todd is associated with the Elks and he belongs also to the Elks' club.

WILLIAM W. ROETHIG, a well known and respected citizen of Cuyahoga Falls, now retired from active business life, was born February 22, 1858, in this place, son of Ferdinand Julius and Sarah J. (Faze) Roethig. He is of Hungarian ancestry, his father having been born at Krakow, Austro-Hungary, February 24, 1825. When Ferdinand J. Roethig was five years old his father died and he was taken by his mother—a woman of some means—to Germany. He was educated in the schools of Leipsig, in which city he learned the trade of tinner and coppersmith. His heart remained true, however, to his native land, and he was one of the young men who fought nobly for Hungarian freedom under Louis Kossuth, whose fortunes he followed for three years. On the defeat of the great leader, at Temesvar, August 9, 1849, most of the men in the regiment to which Mr. Roethig belonged escaped to the United States, he among them. Here he fell back on his trade as a means of support. After working at it in New Orleans for a year, he ascended the Mississippi River to St. Paul, thence going to Chicago, where he remained a year. He then came to Cuyahoga Falls, where he worked at his trade for many years, a part of the time for himself and for the remainder in the shops of L. W. Loomis and Parks and Gillette. After coming to Ohio he enlisted for service in the Civil War, but was stricken with illness at Massillon, which occasioned his discharge. He died April 17, 1886. He married August 30, 1852, Sarah J. Faze, who survived him and is now a resident of Cuyahoga Falls. She was born at Manchester, Carroll County, Maryland, February 24, 1832, and accom-

panied her parents to Cuyahoga Falls when she was but five years old, the family taking three weeks to make the trip with wagons. Her father, Peter Faze, a native of Germany, came to this country with his parents at the age of five years. He was a paper-maker by trade and was accidentally killed in a paper-mill in April, 1852, being then fifty-nine years old. Of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand J. Roethig's nine children, the following arrived at maturity: Ferdinand J., deceased; Julia Sarah, afterwards Mrs. C. W. Moon, who, with her husband, is deceased; Charles B., a resident of Cortland, New York; William Washington, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Edward Loon, Lillian, Alfred Herman and Harrison T., all of whom reside in Cuyahoga Falls. All the members of this family were reared in the German Lutheran faith.

William W. Roethig, after attending the common and high schools until he had acquired a sound practical education, began industrial life as an employe of Isaac Lewis in the grocery business, in which occupation he continued from 1867 until 1888. On January 16th of the year last mentioned he went into business for himself with his brother, Edward, they opening a meat market under the firm name of Roethig Bros. This partnership lasted for nineteen years, being discontinued January 16, 1907, when they sold out to their brother Fred. In 1899 Mr. William Roethig built the Roethig block on Front Street, which is now occupied by a meat market and the Post Office, with business offices on the second floor. Mr. Roethig is a member of Howard Lodge, No. 162, I. O. O. F., of Cuyahoga Falls. He is well known as a substantial citizen and successful business man, and his aid and influence can usually be counted upon in behalf of any worthy cause.

HOWARD W. HAUPT, superintendent of the Klages Coal & Ice Company at Akron, has been connected with this concern since he was twenty years of age. He was born in 1870, at Loyal Oak, Summit County, Ohio. His father, William F. Haupt, has long been one of the leading citizens of Loyal Oak, where he lives retired after a successful agricultural life. He has served as trustee of Norton Township and in other local offices. He came to that Township in early manhood, and has had much to do with its subsequent progress and development.

Howard W. Haupt went from the local schools to the Normal Schools at Wadsworth and his course there was supplemented by one at the Spencerian Commercial College at Cleveland. In 1890 he entered the employ of the Klages Company as assistant bookkeeper, later became bookkeeper, and still later was admitted to partnership. For the last six years he has been superintendent of the company. He is interested also in other prospering concerns.

In 1897 Mr. Haupt was married to Nellie Murphy, who was born at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Loyal Oak. He is prominent in the brotherhood of Odd Fellows, being a trustee of Lodge No. 50 of Summit County and a member of the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Temple at Akron. He belongs also to the order of Modern Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias.

FRANK E. AVERILL, one of Summit County's representative agriculturists, whose farm of 100 acres is situated in the southwest corner of Bath Township, adjoining Copley on the south and Granger Township, Medina County on the west, was born November 17, 1861, in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Benjamin and Louisa (Harvey) Averill.

Benjamin Averill and his wife were both born and reared in New York State, where they married, and soon thereafter came to Ohio and settled on a farm in Bath Township, about four miles east of Frank E. Averill's present home. In 1867 they removed to the present property, which then consisted of 105 acres, five acres having been sold. Mr. and Mrs. Averill both died on this farm. They were the parents of ten chil-

dren, the survivors being: Ellen, who married D. L. Parker, of Copley Township; Charles, who is a stock dealer of Granger Township, Medina County, Ohio; Perry, who also resides in Granger Township; Frank E. Those deceased were: Mary E., Welthia A., Alice A., Clara A., Henry W. and Minnie L.

Frank E. Averill has resided on his present farm since his sixth year, and has always engaged in general farming, stock-raising and dairying. His property is finely cultivated, his buildings of the most substantial kind, and his farming machinery the best to be secured. He is known as a good, practical farmer, and his reputation as a citizen is beyond reproach.

In 1881 Mr. Averill was married to Anna A. McMillen, who is a daughter of James and Amanda (Peckham) McMillen, and to them there have been born three children, namely: William, who is an engineer and machinist, married Iva Hammond; Mary, who is the wife of Paul C. Crosier, lives in Granger Township, Medina County, and Earl, who resides at home.

Mr. Averill is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the National Protective Legion. In political matters he is a Republican, and has served as chairman of the Bath Township Board of Election, and has been a school director for the past ten years. With his family he attends the East Granger Disciple Church.

JOEL MYERS, residing on his 100 acres of valuable land which is situated on the old Smith road, in Bath Township, was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, April 15, 1843, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Paulus) Myers.

Samuel Myers accompanied his father, Jacob Myers, from Snyder County, Pennsylvania. The family settled near Uniontown, Springfield Township, in 1805, in fact the greater part of that village is built on the old Myers farm. Samuel was at that time a strong lad of twelve years and he learned the stone-mason trade, at which he worked on the construction of the old canal. He died on the farm in Springfield Township in 1883. He married Mary Paulus, who was born in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, and died in 1868, the mother of ten children. Samuel Myers married a second time and had two more children.

Joel Myers was reared in Springfield Township and attended the district schools. His main business in life has been farming, stock-raising and manufacturing brooms. He was married May 30, 1869, to Elizabeth Schnee, who is a daughter of John and Hannah (Young) Schnee. They were natives of Snyder County, Pennsylvania, and were of German extraction, Great-grandfather Schnee having come from Germany to America on the good ship *Phoenix*, in 1746. Mrs. Myers was born within a half-mile of the old Myers homestead in Pennsylvania, in 1852, and accompanied her parents to Springfield Township in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have had eight children: Lydia, John, William F., Frederick, Ira, Robert, J. Park and an infant, the babe and John being deceased. Lydia married Charles Boltz and they live in Bath Township and have three children: Edith, aged sixteen years; Harley, aged twelve years, and Irma, aged eight years. William F. married Dottie Martin, who died August 23, 1907, her infant son dying on the previous day. She is survived by her bereaved husband and little Eva, three years old, who will find a home with her grandparents. Frederick married Amanda Snyder and they have a bright little three-year-old son, Floyd, and reside at Akron. Ira, who was born in 1881, operates the home farm. Robert, who is a graduate of the Bath High School, is successfully teaching the Maple Valley, the largest country school in Summit County, where he has fifty-two pupils. J. Park resides at Cleveland, where he is employed as a bookkeeper.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Myers lived on the Myers home place until 1875, where Mr. Myers carried on farming in the summer and engaged in making brooms in the winter. In the fall of 1874 Mr. Myers purchased the present place, in which they settled in

the following year. He has made many improvements here, including the building of a substantial barn in 1881. The commodious frame residence in which the Myers family reside, was built by a Mr. Meridith and was the first frame one erected in Bath Township. The Meridiths were great entertainers and were somewhat given to frivolity, and on many occasions country dances were held in the big rooms of the upper portions of the house. Prior to coming to this farm, Mr. Myers bought one of eighty acres in Indiana, but sold it before moving to it. This is one of the old, substantial and representative families of this section.

COL. THOMAS E. MAJOR, who is now engaged in general farming and dairying, in Boston Township, was born in Paint Township, Highland County, Ohio, September 19, 1849, and is a son of Rev. Thomas and Sarah (Righter) Major.

Thomas Major, the colonel's great-great-grandfather, was born in Ireland, County Londonderry, and in early manhood emigrated to America, settling four miles northwest of Norristown, Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by a son, John. John Major learned the tailor's trade and later became proprietor of the *Blue Ball* tavern, near Valley Forge, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Jane Adams, who was born near Norristown, and who died June 14, 1813, aged fifty-four years. He died June 17, 1819, aged over sixty-one years.

Thomas Major, son of John and grandson of Thomas, the original settler, was born in Pennsylvania, and passed the larger part of his life in Noriton Township, Montgomery County, where he died December 5, 1823, aged forty years, two months and twenty-one days. He followed the trade of shoemaker. He married Catherine Curry, who died February 27, 1863, aged eighty-one years. Her whole life was spent in Pennsylvania. Her father, James Curry, was born September 25, 1755, in Montgomery County. His services in the Revolutionary War may be briefly summed as follows: "Volunteered in Captain Archibald Thompson's rifle company in 1775; was a member of Captain John Hamilton's company, Major John Berry's battalion, in 1776; member of Captain Stephen Porter's rifle company, in 1776; adjutant to Generals Potter and Heiston, 1776-1777; served as express rider for General Washington, in 1777, and in 1778, while encamped at Valley Forge; member of Captain Pitts' company, Colonel Thompson's regiment, in 1777; adjutant to General Potter and Colonel Moore, 1777-1779. He was pensioned as captain."

The father of Captain James Curry was also James Curry, who came to America from County Londonderry, Ireland, and became an officer also in the Patriot army in the Revolutionary War. He settled one mile west of Norristown, where he engaged in farming. He died April 8, 1788, and was buried at Norton Church cemetery, where many of the ancestors of Colonel Thomas E. Major lie. When the Pennsylvania Legislature met at Philadelphia, Colonel Curry served as clerk of that body. Like other members of his own and the Major family, he lived and died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Revolutionary records give much space to the loyalty and bravery of both Colonel and Captain Curry.

Rev. Thomas Major, father of Colonel Thomas E. Major, was one of six children, and was born September 19, 1811. He was educated in the common schools and learned the carpenter's trade in Philadelphia, which he followed there until he came to Ohio. He married in that city, Sarah Righter, who was born August 29, 1808, and died September 18, 1884. She was a daughter of John Righter. She was converted to the faith of the German Baptist Church when she was nineteen years of age, under the preaching of the famous Harriet Livermore, who was the only woman for whom the President of the United States ever requested adjournment of Congress, which he did in order that she might be given an opportunity to address that body. For fifty years thereafter Mrs. Major was a preacher in the German Bap-

tist faith, and, in 1840, both her husband and father took up the same work. They had three children, namely: Samuel, who was born February 23, 1847, graduated from Delaware College, and at the time of his death in 1894 was superintendent of schools at Hillsborough, Ohio; Thomas E. and Annie M., the latter of whom was born December 13, 1852, married Aaron Johns, and resides at Washington, D. C., with her husband.

After marriage, Rev. Thomas Major and his wife came to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he bought a farm, subsisting by its cultivation, as neither he nor his wife accepted any remuneration for their ministerial work. Sometime between 1847 and 1849 they removed to Highland County, where they lived until their retirement from active life. For a number of years before his death Rev. Major resided at Greenfield, Ohio, but after the death of his wife he made his home with his daughter in Washington city, where he passed away April 17, 1888. During his residence in Highland County he carried on his agricultural work on his 135 acres. The ministerial labors of Thomas Major and wife were a heavy drain upon their time, resources and sympathy. Each Sunday they held from one to three services, often traveling a distance of from ten to fifteen miles over poor roads to meet those who eagerly gathered to listen to them. Their joint efforts resulted ultimately in the building of a church at what was then called New Lexington, in Highland County. They have long since gone to their final reward, but the influences of their worthy, virtuous, unselfish lives go on and on.

Thomas E. Major attended the public schools of Paint Township and the Southwest Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. While he was living on the farm his parents received some literature sent by Harriet Livermore, and among the books there chanced to be an old Pitman manual of phonography. What a find this was to the eager, ambitious farmer boy, and to mastering its contents he applied himself every moment that he could secure from the farm duties, which were heavy on account of the frequent absences of his father. On January 7, 1870, he received an appointment as clerk in the office of the Comptroller of Currency in the Treasury Department at Washington, a position he could never have aspired to without a knowledge of the art of stenography. He satisfactorily filled positions of this nature in different departments of government work for a number of years and became recognized as one of the best stenographers in the service, so much so, that on the recommendation of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, C. E. Conant, he was invited to become the private secretary of General B. F. Butler. He entered upon the duties of this position in April, 1875, and remained in the most intimate and confidential relations with this soldier-statesman until the latter's death in 1893. During the period that General Butler was governor of Massachusetts Mr. Major served as the governor's private secretary and also with the rank of colonel on his staff.

While thus closely associated with General Butler, Colonel Major became acquainted, and on terms of friendship with many of the leading men in public life, men of large affairs and weighty deeds. He studied law during this time, and not only overlooked the stenographic work, but also assisted General Butler in his professional labors. In 1895 he was admitted to the bar of Suffolk County, Massachusetts, and practiced his profession in the city of Boston until 1901. Failing health warned him to give up office work and hence his removal to the healthful air and simple life of the farm. He purchased 208 acres in Boston Township, and here, far removed from the complex problems of politics and law, he oversees his agricultural operations, and has recovered an excellent state of health. He makes a specialty of dairying, sending his milk to the cheese factory at Richfield.

On April 16, 1873, Colonel Major married Virginia P. Berkley, of Washington, D. C., and they have three children: Sarah Avanelle, who married Dr. Joseph W. Proctor, residing at Malden, Mass; Sylvia Pearl, residing at Malden, and holding an important posi-

tion in the office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations, at Boston; and Selwyn Berkley, who resides at home with her parents. Mrs. Major and her daughters are artists of acknowledged ability.

Colonel Major resided at Boston until 1884 and taught shorthand in the Boston evening classes in the High School for several years, having the reputation of being one of the most expert stenographers of the day. In 1884 he established his home in Malden, one of Boston's most agreeable suburbs, and while living there served on the School Board as its chairman; also as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, and in other public capacities. While living there he also took an active interest in the order of Knights of Pythias, was past chancellor of the Malden lodge and served on the judiciary committee of the Grand Lodge. He is a member of Rising Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Richfield, and has taken the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees. Politically, he is an ardent Republican; personally, a cultivated gentleman.

LYNN WORDEN, a prominent citizen of Bath Township, proprietor of the well-known place of business, which, in a large measure, supplies the needs of households for miles around, known as the Worden Grocery Store, has been established here since 1897. It is located about two and one-fourth miles north of the Smith road, on the county line highway which divides Medina from Summit. Mr. Worden was born in Hinkley Township, Medina County, Ohio, April 23, 1860, and is a son of Hiram and Melissa (Bissell) Worden.

The father of Mr. Worden was born at Broome, Schoharie County, New York, and accompanied his parents to Richfield Township, Summit County, in boyhood, and later removed to Hinkley Township, Medina County, where both he and wife died.

Mrs. Worden was born at Granger, Medina County, Ohio.

Lynn Worden was reared in Medina County, attended the country schools and remained at home until about nineteen years of age, and then went to Medina village, where he worked three years. For several years he was telegraph operator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, working in various places. He married Anna Spencer, who is a daughter of Abijah and Mary Spencer, old residents of Bath Township, who formerly owned the farm which belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Worden. Two children have been born to Mr. Worden and wife, namely: Ethel M. and Esther. The family belong to Moore's Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1897, when Mr. Worden established his store at its present location, he had it made a postoffice, which, on account of the introduction of the rural mail delivery service, was discontinued July 31, 1903. Mr. Worden takes a great deal of interest in all matters pertaining to his end of Bath Township and since 1898 he has served on the School Board.

JOSEPH DANGEL, superintendent of the American Hard Rubber Company, at Akron, is a thoroughly experienced man in the rubber industry, and a leading business citizen. Mr. Dangel was born in Germany, December 19, 1860, and remained in his own country until he was twenty years of age.

Equipped with an excellent education, Mr. Dangel came to America to enter into business, locating first at Butler, New Jersey, where he entered the plant of the Butler Hard Rubber Company, beginning at the bottom, in order to learn the business in all its details. From Butler one year later he went to Hoboken with the Universal Rubber Company, and in the following year he was in the employ of the Keystone Rubber Company, at Morrisville, Pennsylvania, where he remained from 1883 until 1887. In the latter year he came to Akron, being connected with the Goodrich Hard Rubber Company, which had just been organized. In 1898 the Goodrich Hard Rubber Company became the Akron factory of the American Hard Rubber Company, and Mr. Dangel was made superintendent of the plant, having its whole operation under his charge.

Thus his interests have been centered in the

rubber business from the beginning of his business life, and he has advanced from one position to another with the sureness that marks his ability. He is also a stockholder in several other enterprises which are prospering. In addition to his absorbing business responsibilities, Mr. Dangel has somehow found time to show an active interest in civic affairs, being elected councilman-at-large in 1903. In this capacity he has served as chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council, proving a competent and valuable official.

In 1887 Mr. Dangel was married to Amelia Schafer, residing in New York, but a native of Germany. They have five children: Emily, an accomplished young lady, who has just graduated from the Sacred Heart Academy; Lena D., who is a graduate of St. Mary's school; Marie D., who is a student at the Sacred Heart; and Rosa and Joseph, Jr., who are students at St. Mary's. Mr. Dangel is a prominent Catholic, one of the leading members, and a trustee of St. Mary's Catholic Church since its organization in 1887. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to other Catholic organizations of a benevolent character.

WILLIAM A. SEARL, M. D., one of the founders and medical director of Fair Oaks Villa, a sanitarium for the treatment of nervous disorders at Cuyahoga Falls, is a gentleman of broad experience in this line of medical practice, and as such is well known to the profession all over the state. Dr. Searl was born at Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, New York, March 25, 1864, and is a son of Alonzo and Jessie (Vaughn) Searl. His father is still a resident of Cattaraugus County, New York, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering for many years prior to his retirement. Arza Searl, the doctor's grandfather, was a pioneer settler of Western New York, coming from New England. The family, including the doctor's one living sister, are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William A. Searl attended the common and high schools in his native town, and prepared for college with Dr. Stephen Spencer, from whose tutorship he entered the medical department of Buffalo University. After one year's study there he entered the Alexis Hospital, where his duties were such as now fall to an interne, although at that time there was no organization of the hospital work that exactly corresponded to the present system. With the added experience thus gained he entered the medical department of Wooster University, where he was graduated in 1890. For three years subsequently he was engaged in general practice in Cleveland, later becoming assistant physician at the Cleveland State Hospital, and then going to Yankton, South Dakota, where he was superintendent of the Yankton State Hospital.

In July, 1894, Dr. Searl came to Cuyahoga Falls, and in association with Dr. A. B. Howard, established Fair Oaks Villa, for the treatment of nervous and mental diseases. For the first four years Dr. Howard was in charge of the sanitarium, and then Dr. Searl had the management until 1904, when Dr. H. I. Cozad became associated with him. The building, which is a large, elegant brown stone structure, steam heated and illuminated by electricity, was originally erected and occupied by the wealthy Newbury family, who were among the notable pioneer settlers of Cuyahoga Falls. It is particularly well adapted to the purpose to which it is now applied, the surroundings, atmosphere and internal economy of the institution having a domestic and home-like flavor very favorable to the class of patients herein treated, and which is doubtless responsible in part for the very successful results which have been attained. Dr. Searl is a member of the Summit County and Ohio State Medical Societies, the Academy of Medicine, the Medical Library Association of Cleveland, and the American Medical Psychological Association. In politics he is a Republican. He is a Free Mason, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 187, F. & A. M., of Cuyahoga Falls and to Lake Erie Consistory.

Dr. Searl was married, at Cleveland, to Anna Dalrymple of that city. He and his

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wife are the parents of three sons: Howard A., Miller V., and William A. With his family the doctor belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he is serving officially as a member of the Board of Stewards.

HENDERSON STEELE, whose recent death, at the age of sixty-two years, removed one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Cuyahoga Falls, was born in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 15, 1845, son of Isaac and Margaret C. Steele.

His paternal grandfather was Isaac Steele, who was a son of Adam Steele. Adam was a pioneer farmer of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and also fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War. After the war he moved with his family to Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, where he died in July, 1811, aged about sixty-seven years. He was buried in Hudson Cemetery.

His son, Isaac, grandfather of the direct subject of this sketch, upheld the military traditions of the family, participating in the War of 1812. He had first come to Stow Township in 1804, but had returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1820, except during the period of his military service. Returning to Stow Township in the year last mentioned, he located here permanently, his death occurring here in 1845. He was one of the sturdy agriculturists of the county, and a man well respected. He married, in Pennsylvania, Betsey Galloway, and they had six children—John, Isaac, Mary, Eliza, Anna and Margaret.

Henderson Steele was reared on the home farm in Stow Township, of which he subsequently became the owner, and to which he added seventy-four acres. In his latter years he ceased to operate this property himself, renting it on shares to two men, one of whom carries on general farming and the other conducts the celery garden, consisting of fourteen acres. Dairying is also carried on largely on the farm, fourteen cows being kept for this purpose, and the milk being shipped to Akron. On the farm is some excellent stock. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Steele retired from active work and purchased a home in Cuyahoga Falls, where he died.

In 1877 Mr. Steel, in partnership with his brothers, Thomas and St. Clair, started in the lumbering business under the firm name of Steele Brothers. Purchasing a portable sawmill, they operated it all through this section of the State, Mr. Henderson Steele having charge of the business for many years. For a quarter of a century the firm also did an extensive threshing business. In 1903 the firm was incorporated as The Steele Brothers Hardwood Lumber Company. The company buys the standing timber and sells the rough lumber locally. Mr. Steele's death occurred suddenly at his home, on Sunday evening, September 29, 1907, and was due to heart failure. His end was peaceful, and on the morrow the community of Cuyahoga Falls knew that a good man and sterling citizen had passed from among them.

In 1885 Mr. Steele was married to Mrs. Emily J. (Malone) Carr, who was the widow of William L. Carr, of Northampton Township, and a daughter of Thomas H. and Lucy A. (Rice) Malone.

Thomas H. Malone was born in Stow Township, November 20, 1815, and died February 4, 1852. In his younger days he taught school, and at the time of his death he was overseer of the Ohio Canal, having succeeded his father in that position. The greater part of his life was spent at Akron. He was a son of Patrick Malone, who came to America from Ireland with his parents when about five years old. They settled in Stow Township.

Mrs. Steele's maternal grandfather was Lewis Rice, a Revolutionary soldier, whose gun, used in the cause of American freedom, is still preserved in the family. He owned a farm in Northampton Township, and was also a physician of prominence in his day. Mrs. Steele's mother was born May 15, 1817, and died September 15, 1898. Mrs. Steele had two brothers who served in the Civil War—James M., born December 18,

1843, who died October 25, 1902, and Vincent, born November 7, 1847, who is a resident of Cuyahoga Falls.

Mrs. Steele was born at Akron, January 17, 1846, and was educated in the schools of that city. By her marriage with Mr. Carr she had two sons—Frank B., a resident of Cleveland, and Claude L. of Reading, Pennsylvania. Of her marriage with Mr. Steele there is one son, Lester H., who was born February 21, 1887. He is now a bright student in Buchtel College, having previously graduated from the Cuyahoga Falls High School and Hammel's Business College. Mrs. Steele is a member of the Episcopal Church, while her husband was reared in the Presbyterian faith.

In politics Mr. Steele was a Democrat, voting for the candidates of that party in National elections, but in local politics sometimes placing the man before the party when in his opinion there was sufficient reason. Though he never sought public office, he took a warm interest in the cause of education, and had served as school director. He was also for six years a township trustee. His fellow citizens knew that whatever matters were entrusted to his hands would be well taken care of. He was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., holding membership in Howard Lodge, Cuyahoga Falls, and he was laid to rest by that body.

ISAAC SHANNON McCONNELL, who cultivates a valuable farm in Northfield Township, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, December 14, 1854, son of John and Jane L. (Shannon) McConnell.

The grandparents of Mr. McConnell came to America from County Donegal, Ireland, when their son John was a child of eight years, settling in Coshocton County, Ohio. There John McConnell remained until 1864, when he came to Northfield Township, Summit County, and here, in the course of time, through his industry and good management, he acquired 367 acres of land, which he and his sons farmed in common. He was a highly respected man and lived a long and useful life, dying March 6, 1905, when almost eighty years of age. He married Jane L. Shannon, who died March 30, 1896. They had the following children: John, deceased; Isaac, whose name begins this sketch; George A., residing in Northfield Township; Hervey A., a present justice of the peace in Northfield Township; Dr. LaGrande, deceased; James and Albert, deceased; Sarah, who married H. R. Royden, of Northfield; and Charles, of Magnolia, Colorado.

Isaac S. McConnell was ten years old when his parents moved to Northfield. With the exception of nine summers, during which period Mr. McConnell worked at cheese-making, he has followed farming ever since old enough to handle farm implements. In the spring of 1894 he came to his present farm, of which he became the owner at the time of his father's death. It contained originally 156 acres, but sixteen acres have been taken by the Lake Erie and Pennsylvania Railroad. Thirty-nine acres and a fraction of the original farm belongs to Charles E. Mr. McConnell has seventy-five acres of his land under cultivation, his crops being hay, corn, wheat and oats. He keeps on an average fourteen head of cattle and forty head of sheep.

Mr. McConnell is one of the most modern farmers of this section. He makes use of the best machinery, keeps a man all the year around and makes his business a thorough success.

Mr. McConnell married Ella H. Nesbit, who was a daughter of James Nesbit, of Northfield, and they had two children: Myrtle Louis and Rebecca. Mrs. McConnell died December 19, 1904, at the age of thirty-seven years. This was a heavy affliction from which her family have not yet recovered. She was a lovely Christian woman, a devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which religious body Mr. McConnell also belongs.

A. J. PAUL, secretary of the Akron Selle Company, at Akron, has been identified with the interests of this city and Summit County

throughout the whole period of his business life. He was born in 1863 at Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he remained until twenty years of age, enjoying in the meanwhile the advantages offered by the public schools.

From Allentown Mr. Paul came to Akron, where he was employed for one year in the county recorder's office, during the administration of Recorder A. A. Bartlett, following which he was in the office of Auditor Aaron Wagoner, working on the tax duplicate for a year. He then entered the employ of the C. A. & C. Railroad, and remained with that corporation for fourteen years, as agent and telegraph operator. For three years more he was connected with the American Cereal Company, for one year he was with the Whitman-Barnes Company, and then he worked for a year for the Diamond Rubber Company. For the past three years has been secretary of the Akron Selle Company. Mr. Paul has thus been associated with a number of Akron's leading business houses, and the knowledge and experience he has gained have broadened his commercial views and increased his capacity for work. He is interested in the Selle Company as a member of its Board of Directors, in addition to being its secretary.

In 1889 Mr. Paul was married to Mary A. Wolf, who was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He and his wife have two children: Ruth V. and Earl R. With his family, Mr. Paul belongs to Grace Reformed Church. In political sentiment Mr. Paul is a Republican. He is pre-eminently public-spirited and enterprising, and all that pertains to advancing the public welfare, receives his hearty endorsement. He is a leading member of the Masonic fraternity at Akron, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.

SAMUEL S. CARPER, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, residing on his well-improved farm of ninety-seven acres, was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 27, 1873, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Young) Carper.

The Carper family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, Samuel Carper, the grandfather, being the first one of the name to settle in Stark County, where he and wife both died. They had four sons and four daughters, namely: John, Andrew, Samuel, George, Catherine, Elizabeth, Susan and Sarah.

George Carper, father of Samuel S., was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 15, 1838, and grew to manhood on his father's farm, which was situated two and one-half miles south of Hartville, and was educated in the district schools. In the fall of 1860 he was married in Springfield Township to Elizabeth Young, who was born in 1843, and was the only child of Henry and Margaret (Mishler) Young. Henry Young was born in Pennsylvania and lived to the age of eighty-five years. His widow still survives, aged sixty-nine years. There were five children born to George Carper and wife, as follows: Henry, who died, aged nine years; Amanda, who married Alvin Holl, resides with her husband and two daughters, Lorena and Elvina, one-half mile south of Mogadore; Margaret, deceased, who married Frank Cordier, left two daughters, Lizzie and Amanda; and Samuel S. and Reuben F. The latter was born in 1877 and resides on and farms the homestead for his mother. He owns sixty acres of fine land. He married Flora Hall, who is a daughter of Alonzo Hall, of Stark County, and they had one child that died in infancy.

After his marriage, George S. Carper, then a poor young man, settled first in his wife's old home and assisted his father-in-law, but later bought a farm of 142 acres. While he operated his farm he was also in partnership with his father-in-law for about eighteen years in the stoneware clay industry, a business which was very remunerative at that period. Subsequently he acquired different tracts of land which made him one of the most substantial men of the township. He purchased 172 acres north of Mogadore and later the farm on which his son, Samuel S., resides, which was known as the John B. Mishler farm, the latter having built the old house and barn. This residence was the first frame

house ever erected in Springfield Township, and is still in an excellent state of preservation. George Carper later bought the John Royer farm of sixty acres, and at the time of the death of Henry Young he acquired the old Young homestead of eighty acres, together with eighty more acres in Suffield Township. At the time of his death, October 27, 1905, George Carper was the largest landowner in Summit County, being possessed of more than 732 acres. He was a man of great business capacity. He was widely known also for his sterling traits of character and enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. For twenty-eight years he was a minister in the German Baptist Church and for a long period was pastor of the church of this body in Springfield Township.

Samuel S. Carper was reared in his native township and attended the district schools. He was taught habits of industry and frugality in his youth and had the advantages resulting from the religious teaching of Christian parents. He has devoted his attention through mature life to farming and stock-raising and some eight years since purchased his present farm of ninety-seven acres from his late father. The remainder of his father's large estate has not been divided. Mr. Carper has a very valuable property, which, under his careful management, is probably one of the most productive in Springfield Township.

On October 2, 1894, Mr. Carper was married to Lillie E. Kurtz, who is the youngest daughter of Eli and Catherine (Koones) Kurtz, and they have had three children: George, who was born January 7, 1896, died March 11, 1896; Eunice, who was born May 31, 1898; and Clarice, who was born July 22, 1903. These little daughters are particularly attractive children and give promise of amiable and beautiful womanhood.

In politics, like his father, Mr. Carper is a stanch Democrat. He is a good citizen, but he has no desire to hold public office. He and wife are members of the German Baptist Church and he is a liberal supporter of the same.

JOHN W. CLAPPER, whose magnificent farm of 175 acres, all in one body, lies three and one-half miles north of the Smith road, on the line road separating Medina and Summit Counties, is one of Bath Township's leading citizens, and is also a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. Clapper was born in Baughman Township, Wayne County, Ohio, February 12, 1845, and is a son of John and Lydia Ann (Beers) Clapper.

Jacob Clapper, the grandfather, was the first of the family to come from Pennsylvania and settle in Baughman Township, where he secured several hundred acres of land. There his son, John Clapper, the father of John W., was born and he died three months previous to John W.'s birth. Mrs. Clapper subsequently married Abraham Zimmerman and had four more children. The two born to her first marriage were: Sarah Ann, who is the widow of R. Y. Robinson, residing in Bath Township; and John W. Those of her second marriage were: Mahala, who married Adam Cook, of Baughman Township; Wesley, who died in boyhood; Jesse B., who lives in Bath Township; and Laura Elizabeth, deceased, who married Thomas Welsh.

During his boyhood, the mother and stepfather of John W. Clapper, moved to Chippewa Township, and took up land in the woods, and there the boy grew to nineteen years, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War. He entered Company I, Fifth Regiment, Ohio Cavalry, in the winter of 1864. He remained in the army until the close of the war, performing the duties and bearing the hardships of a soldier all through Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky.

When his army service was over, Mr. Clapper returned to his home in Chippewa Township and worked by the month for different farmers until the fall of 1867, when he was married to Mary Martha Huston, who is a daughter of William Huston, of Baughman Township. Mr. Huston formerly owned the farm which is now the property of Mr. Clapper. The latter bought first a one-third interest in 102 acres and in 1906, bought sev-

enty-two acres of land adjoining on the south, and on this purchase he has built a very fine barn. He is making plans to build a nice residence here also, which will be for rental. On the older part of his farm he has put up all the buildings, except the house, which has been completely remodeled. Formerly, Mr. Clapper was a very large raiser of stock and still keeps many sheep, hogs, cattle and horses, but not to the extent that he once did.

Mr. and Mrs. Clapper have four children: Emma, who married John Wilson, has one child, Georgia: William, who married Edith Swigart, a paper-hanger and painter, at Barberton, has three children, Earl, Ellen and Lucille; and Sadie and Ross, residing at home.

Mr. Clapper is a member of the Grange and he belongs also to the Grand Army of the Republic.

MILAN TREMAN, whose well-cultivated farm of 118 acres lies in Bath Township, one mile west of Montrose, on the Smith road, has owned his property and carried on general farming and stockraising here since the fall of 1880. Mr. Treman was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, October 8, 1844, and is a son of Edgar and Laura (Spencer) Treman.

Edgar Treman, father of Milan, was born in Granger Township, Medina County, Ohio, and is a son of John Treman, who came to Medina County, from New York, in pioneer days. Later, John Treman moved to Indiana, accompanied by his three sons, and settled on the farm in DeKalb County, on which Milan Treman was subsequently born. At the age of nineteen years, Edgar Treman was married to Laura Spencer, who was reared in Granger Township, Medina County, Ohio, and died in Indiana. Her father, Nathaniel Spencer, came to Ohio from the same section as did John Treman, the latter of whom died in Indiana.

Milan Treman was reared in DeKalb County and attended school until about eighteen years of age, when he came to Ohio to visit relatives in Medina County and was so pleased with the country and people that when he was twenty-one and at liberty, he left home and returned to Ohio. For several years he worked on various farms, and on October 7, 1869, was married to Sarah Arnold, who was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, September 8, 1843. She is a daughter of Daniel and Sophia (Porter) Arnold, the former of whom was born in Wayne County, Ohio, and was a son of Daniel Arnold who came to Summit County from Maryland. His wife came also from a Maryland family that settled in Medina County.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Treman went to live on the old Seth Dye farm, in Granger Township, where he had worked for three years previously, and he spent fourteen years in all on that farm. In 1879 he bought his present farm in Bath Township, settling on it in the following year. He has made many fine improvements here and among these is his substantial barn, 40 by 80 feet in dimensions, which he erected in 1886.

CLARENCE D. CRUMB, of the sales department of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, has been an active citizen of this place for a number of years, during which period he has served as mayor and in other public offices. He was born at Canastota, Madison County, New York, December 7, 1855, and is a son of Joseph D. and Nancy H. (Hale) Crumb.

The father of Mr. Crumb was born in Chemung County, New York, and followed carpenter work all his life. He died in 1899, aged seventy-four years. He was connected fraternally both with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Nancy, died in 1864, aged thirty-three years. They had four children, of whom there now are two survivors: Clarence D. and Nettie, the latter of whom married W. H. Stanley and resides at Cuyahoga Falls.

Clarence D. Crumb attended school in the old Cuyahoga Falls High School, having come first to this section when thirteen years of age, and his first industrial employment was as a clerk in the general store of Samuel

Comstock, where he remained for three years, and during the next three years he carried on a hardware business for himself. For five years subsequently he was with the firm of Snyder and Blood, who were succeeded by Harvey Snyder, and in turn by the Phœnix Hardware Company, and during this period Mr. Crumb served as bookkeeper and a part of the time as secretary. In 1885 he was appointed deputy revenue collector and served as such until 1889, following which he was engaged for four years in the insurance business. In 1885 Mr. Crumb located at Akron, where he resided until 1890, moving then to Cleveland, and from there in 1894 back to Akron, his business demanding these changes. Until 1898, Mr. Crumb was engaged as bookkeeper with the Akron Iron and Steel Company, and when that organization retired from business, he was in the accounting department of the Whitman-Barnes Company for about two years. The Falls Wire Works then secured him in their auditing department, where he continued for three years, coming back to Cuyahoga Falls in 1902. In 1905 he accepted his present responsible position in the sales department.

Mr. Crumb married Ella Haynes, who is a daughter of John N. and Martha Haynes, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have two children, namely: Mabel M., who married Ray C. Hoiles, and resides at Alliance, and Metta, who is residing at home with her parents. The family belong to the Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Crumb is a vestryman.

In politics, Mr. Crumb has always been a stanch Democrat, but, notwithstanding, in 1895, he was elected mayor of the town, which is distinctively Republican. He made an admirable magistrate, but resigned his honors when he was appointed a member of the revenue service. Since 1903 he has served as village clerk. Fraternally, he is a Mason, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 187, and to Washington Chapter, R. A. M., at Akron.

JACOB HERMAN, one of Akron's leading general contractors in brick, stone and cement work, has been a resident of this city for the past twenty-one years and during this time has been identified almost exclusively with the building trades. He was born June 21, 1858, in Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth Felger Herman. The parents of Mr. Herman were old residents of Chester Township, Wayne County, where they engaged in farming. Of their family of nine children eight survive.

In 1886 Jacob Herman came to Akron and for about ten years he worked as a journeyman bricklayer and mason, having learned his trade in Wayne County. He has carried on a general contracting business in Akron for many years and has built a number of the most substantial structures in this city. He gives employment to about ten men, increasing the number when the business demands it. He is a stockholder in the Odd Fellows' Temple and in other enterprises. In 1886 Mr. Herman married Emma M. Hoff, who was born at Sterling, Ohio, and they have five children—Verna, Ada, Leroy, Freda and Marguerite. Mr. Herman is identified fraternally with the Odd Fellows. He is one of Akron's substantial and valued citizens.

LANSON BARKER, a representative citizen of Bath Township, residing on his valuable farm of 155 acres, which is favorably situated within three-quarters of a mile of Ghent, was born on this farm, in Summit County, Ohio, February 6, 1857, and is a son of William and Anna Eliza (Hutchinson) Barker.

Mr. Barker is a member of a pioneer family of Ohio, of New England ancestry. The grandfather, Lanson Barker, whose honored name has descended to the grandson, was born in Connecticut, in 1791, and his father, Jared Barker, was born in England. Lanson Barker moved to New York and subsequently to Ohio, settling first in Holmes County, later in Medina County, and still later in Cuyahoga County, where he died in 1855. His children were: Roxie A., William, Jared, John, Lyman, Mary, Frances and Nelson.

William Barker, the eldest of the above

family, was born in New York, July 30, 1817, and accompanied the family to Ohio. After a prospecting visit to California, in 1849, he returned to the East, and in 1853 he purchased a farm in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio. To the clearing and developing of this farm he devoted practically the rest of his life, making of it some of the most valuable land of this section. He died February 10, 1896. He was a man of sterling character, honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow-men and was entitled to the respect and esteem in which he was held. He was a stanch Republican and at various times held public office. He married Anna Eliza Hutchinson, who was born April 3, 1826, and died October 2, 1876. They had four children, the two survivors being: Lanson and Jared, the latter of whom was formerly sheriff of Summit County.

Lanson Barker has always lived on his present farm, with the exception of three years of boyhood spent at Ghent. His education was secured in the schools near his home. His occupation has been farming ever since he reached mature years and he is numbered with the progressive and successful agriculturists of Bath Township. He cultivates 155 acres, having recently sold sixty acres.

Mr. Barker married Alice Behmer, who is a daughter of Moses and Mary Ann (Myers) Behmer. She was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, but was reared in Richfield Township. They have three children: Anna, Frederick and Alba. The son is a student in a business college at Akron. The family residence is a commodious and comfortable frame building which Mr. Barker erected in 1895. He is a member of the Disciples Church at Ghent and one of the trustees. He takes a deep interest in educational affairs and for several years was a member of the township School Board, and a director of District No. 4, one in which Bath Township takes particular pride on account of the excellence of its schools.

DURASTUS VALLEN, township trustee, and one of Bath Township's prominent and substantial citizens, resides on his valuable, well-improved farm of eighty acres, and owns an additional twenty-five acres, which is situated in Northampton Township. Mr. Vallen was born in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, December 16, 1840, and is a son of William and Catherine (Chrisman) Vallen.

Abel Vallen, the grandfather, came to Ohio with his family among the pioneers of Medina County, bringing his household goods from New York in huge ox-drawn wagons. The Vallens lived long enough in Medina County to prove that they were people of merit, but the grandfather decided to move farther east, and later invested in a farm in Northampton Township, Summit County, where he lived until his death. His widow spent her last years with a daughter at Norwalk, Ohio.

William Vallen was a boy when the family left New York and settled in Ohio. He remained at home assisting his father, and when he reached man's estate, the farm was divided, William taking the western portion, on the line separating Northampton and Bath Townships. He proved to be a good business man and from time to time kept adding to his land until he acquired 217 acres, which he owned at the time of his death, in 1878. He was a man who was highly respected by all who knew him and in every sense was a good citizen.

William Vallen married Catherine Chrisman, who is a daughter of George Chrisman, who was a native of Pennsylvania. They had seven children, namely: Enos, residing in Williams County, Ohio; Durastus; Sylvester, residing on the old homestead in Northampton Township; Lavina, who married Perry Moore, residing in Bath Township; Adeline, who is the widow of Charles Boies; and two deceased, Oscar, the eldest of the family, and Miranda, the youngest. The mother died in 1858.

Durastus Vallen remained at home working for his father and attending the district schools, until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he owned his own team and

went to farming by the month. After his marriage, when twenty-four years old, he settled for one year on a farm in Copley Township, and spent two years on a farm in the western part of Bath Township, in 1871, moving to his present farm, one that his father had previously bought of J. Park and Joseph H. Alexander. It was not much improved and Mr. Vallen built a barn the same year that he came to the place, which he later rebuilt, and in 1882, he erected his fine residence.

In 1864 Mr. Vallen was married to Wealthy Averill, who died December 22, 1905, on the forty-first anniversary of her wedding. She was a daughter of Benjamin Averill, a native of New York, and she was born in Copley Township, but was living in Bath Township at the time of her marriage. She was a kind and faithful wife and a devoted mother and her death left a sad vacancy. Mr. and Mrs. Vallen had four children, the only survivor being the youngest, Frank D., who operates the home farm. He married Eva Heller and they have one daughter, Frances. Mr. Vallen's other children were daughters and all died in childhood: Jennie, aged four years, Ruby, aged sixteen months, and Nellie, aged two and one-half years.

Mr. Vallen has carried on general farming and has raised cattle, horses and hogs very profitably. Politically, he is a Republican, and in 1900 he was elected township trustee and has been continued in office. He has also served on the School Board.

JEREMIAH HARTER, residing in the pleasant village of Western Star, owns an excellent farm of eighty acres, situated on the county line road, about one mile south of the town. He belongs to a pioneer family of Stark County, which was established there in the days of his grandfather. Mr. Harter was born in Stark County, Ohio, on a farm one mile east of New Berlin, August 14, 1838, and is a son of Jesse and Deborah (Essig) Harter.

Jesse Harter was born also in Stark County on the farm on which his father, Jacob Harter, had settled when he came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, in 1812. Jacob Harter owned about 480 acres. Jesse Harter married Deborah Essig, who was reared near Canton, in Stark County. They became the parents of twelve children, seven of whom still survive.

Jeremiah Harter was the eldest born of the family and on him fell the responsibilities attending that position. He gave his father all the assistance possible and remained on the homestead until he was almost forty years of age, and during this time had acquired a part of the property. After selling this land he purchased a farm, in 1877, in Norton Township, Summit County, on which he moved in the spring of 1878, and there continued to carry on general farming until 1905, when he removed to Western Star, placing the Norton Township property under rental.

Mr. Harter was married (first) to Harriet Schaar, who died July 23, 1889. She was a daughter of Daniel Schaar, who was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. There were ten children born to this marriage, as follows: Laura, who married L. O. Benner, resides at Akron, and they have seven children: Henry, married, resides at Akron; Nathan, married, resides at Akron; Mary Frances, who married Aaron Teeple, resides at Akron; Ede Rosanna, who married J. M. Swain; Clara, who married Forest Swain; Pearl May, who married Wallace Santee, resides at Wadsworth; and three who are deceased, Harvey D., Alice D. and a child that died in infancy. Mr. Harter was married (second) to Lorinda R. Lautzenheiser, who is a daughter of John Lautzenheiser.

Mr. Harter has always taken a good citizen's interest in public matters and political movements and he has frequently been called upon to officiate in office. For three years he served as trustee of Plaine Township, Stark County, later served two years as treasurer of Norton Township, for ten years he was a member of the Western Star School Board, during the latter part of this period being its treasurer, and is now serving in the

town council of Western Star. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, in which he is serving as an elder.

CURTIS FENTON, vice president, superintendent and general manager of the Akron Smoking Pipe Company, with main factory at Mogadore and branch factories at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio, and Hampton, Virginia, is one of the leading men in the clay industry, in this section, his experience covering many years. Curtis Fenton was born at Mogadore, Summit County, Ohio, January 22, 1853, and he is a son of Almus and Susannah (Lee) Fenton.

Almus Fenton was born at Ogdensburg, New York, May 27, 1825, and he accompanied his father, Alonzo Fenton, to Cleveland, Ohio, where, prior to 1840, he was engaged in the red clay manufacturing business. Later he settled at Mogadore, and at the time of his death, in October, 1892, he was the oldest clay potter in the place. He married Susannah Lee, who died in July, 1906, and was buried on her eighty-fourth birthday. She was born in 1823 and was one of fourteen children. Her father was William and her grandfather was Alexander Lee and they came from Pennsylvania and settled at Greensburg, Ohio. The old Fenton farm on which Almus Fenton was born, by the erosion of the water has all slipped into the St. Lawrence River. Almus Fenton and wife had four sons, namely: William and Thomas, twins, John Curtis, and Curtis. William Fenton is a resident of Mogadore. John Curtis died when two years old.

Curtis Fenton attended the common schools at Mogadore and later took a course in the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland. After leaving school he was employed in a pottery and he has continued from that time to be connected with the clay industry. For eight years he was engaged in the manufacture of stoneware at Tallmadge. He was a member of the firm of Baker and McMillan, which acquired the small pipe factory, which became the nucleus of the Akron Smoking Pipe Company. Later it consolidated with another small firm and for the past eighteen years the Akron Smoking Pipe Company has been a very important factor in the industrial world in this section, and is the only firm in the United States devoted exclusively to the manufacture of clay smoking pipes.

The Akron Smoking Pipe Company was organized in 1889, with F. W. Butler as president, Curtis Fenton as vice president, and C. H. Palmer as treasurer. The board of directors was made up of these leading citizens: C. H. Palmer, F. W. Butler, William H. Palmer, W. H. Merrill and Curtis Fenton. The capital stock was $70,000, which was later increased to $100,000. The branch factory at Hampton, Virginia, employs twenty-five workmen and is devoted exclusively to the manufacture of clay pipes, as is also the factory at Point Pleasant. At the main factory the industry is now confined exclusively to the manufacture of insulators. More than 100 men are given employment in the various plants and the value of the output is more than $100,000 per annum.

Mr. Fenton manufactured the first third rail insulators ever used for the equipping of the third rail system for the New York Central Railroad, in 1906, and manufactured also all of the insulators for the West Shore road of the same system. From Mr. Fenton's factory 10,000 insulators for the General Electric Company, for export, have been shipped, and recently the first insulators for the California third rail system have been dispatched, making four carloads of finished products. This company's trade relations cover Canada, the United States, Europe and other parts of the world, there being a demand for their goods at every point where modern methods of transportation have been adopted. The company keeps abreast of the times and considers every new appliance in its line of manufacture, adopting it wherever it has proved to be of obvious utility.

Mr. Fenton married Kate Louise Ferguson, who is a daughter of Dr. J. C. and Mary (Ward) Ferguson, and a granddaughter of Calvin and Lydia Ward, who were natives of Connecticut and were the first settlers in Ran-

dolph Township, Portage County, Ohio, where they died. Dr. Ferguson was a well-known physician of Mogadore for many years. He was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Michigan, and of the Cleveland Medical College and was a man who was largely self-educated. Prior to coming to Mogadore, he practiced at North Baltimore, Ohio, and after he located at this place he entered into partnership with Dr. Jewett. Dr. Ferguson died in 1886, aged sixty-six years. He married Mary Ward, who died at the age of forty years. Their surviving children are: Mrs. Fenton, George W., residing at Mogadore, who married Georgia Speora, and has five children; and Mrs. Weimer, who is the wife of George C. Weimer, and for thirty-one years was a resident of Cincinnati. She now resides with her only daughter, Mrs. Wilson Cross, in London, England. Dr. Ferguson was identified with the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton have had four children, the eldest of whom, James T., was born October 12, 1875, and died January 7, 1877. The three survivors are: Mary Ferguson, who was born in November, 1879, was married January 25, 1905, and resides at Mogadore: Marjorie Ruth, who was born July 20, 1889; Harry Weimer, who was born December 12, 1880, all three children having enjoyed superior educational advantages. The family residence was built in 1899 and is one of the handsomest in Mogadore.

Mr. Fenton does not consider himself a politician but has ever taken an active interest in public affairs looking to good government. In political sentiment he is a Republican. His only fraternal connection is with the order of Maccabees. Mr. Fenton has been a resident of Mogadore for the past twenty years.

GEORGE W. BABB, one of Summit County's most substantial citizens, is proprietor and owner of the *Cold Spring Farm*, containing 155 acres, situated in Portage Township, and also of a tract of 100 acres, situated in Stow Township, known as the *Springdale Celery Garden*. Mr. Babb was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 5, 1850, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wise) Babb.

The pioneer of the Babb family in Springfield Township was the grandfather, George Babb, who came from Berks County, Pennsylvania, settling among the early home-seekers of this section. His days were ended in Springfield Township. Joseph Babb was born in Berks County and he was a boy when he accompanied his father to Ohio. In early manhood he was married, at Greentown, Stark County, Ohio, to Elizabeth Wise, who was a daughter of George Wise, who was an early settler and became a large landholder in Portage Township. Joseph Babb and wife had the following children: Jacob, George W., Mrs. Amelia Camp, William J., Frank and Edwin, all surviving, and Charles, who died in infancy.

George W. Babb was nine years old when his parents moved to the farm in Portage Township, on which he lives. Joseph Babb bought 350 acres of land, which became valuable in every part, Mr. Babb's home farm being particularly so as it is located on the northeast corner of Portage Township, lying just outside the limits of Cuyahoga Falls and adjoining Northampton Township. In 1870, Joseph Babb built the large brick residence which Mr. Babb occupies. Joseph Babb and wife subsequently moved to North Hill, Akron, where both died. They were people who were held in high esteem.

This pleasant old farm has been the home of George W. Babb ever since he was nine years old with the exception of four years, three of which he spent on his farm in Stow Township; and one in Tallmadge Township, where he formerly owned a farm of seventy-five acres. He carries on farming and dairying on his Portage Township land and devotes twenty acres of his Stow Township land to the growing of celery.

On July 28, 1880, Mr. Babb was married to Anna Kingsbury, who is a daughter of Lester Wayne and Elizabeth (Fosdick) Kingsbury. Lester Wayne Kingsbury was a sewer-pipe maker by trade, and worked at this busi-

ness first in Illinois, where Mrs. Babb was born. She was nine years old when he moved to Cuyahoga Falls. He entered the employ of H. B. Camp, where he remained for many years. During the Civil War he enlisted in the army from Illinois and served three years, when he was discharged on account of sickness. His death occurred in August, 1884. His widow still survives, at the age of eighty-five years, and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Babb, of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury had four children, namely: Elsie, Anna, Albert and Abbie. The three daughters all married Babbs, three brothers. Elsie, deceased, was the wife of William J. Babb. Abbie is the wife of Edwin Babb. Albert Kingsbury is a graduate of Cornell University and is a mechanical engineer for the great Westinghouse Company. His home is at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. For some years he taught school at Durham, New Hampshire, and later was connected with a college at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Babb have five children, namely: Bessie, who married Harry Albers, resides at Cuyahoga Falls and they have two children, Wayne and Bertha; Lester, who married Bessie McDonald, has one child, Donna, and they reside on the Springdale farm; and Joseph, Hugo and Karl, all at home.

HENRY VOGT, the capable superintendent of the great park system of Akron, and one of the city's prominent and substantial citizens, was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 7, 1838, and when young accompanied his father, John Vogt, to America, the family locating in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. He was reared on his father's farm in Springfield Township, and in his boyhood attended the district schools. In early youth he came to Akron and for five years was in the employ of Russell Kent. He then became connected with the Middlebury Coal Company and continued with that firm for eighteen years. Mr. Vogt was subsequently appointed a member of the police force of Akron, serving one year, and was then appointed by the park commissioners to the office of superintendent of parks. At that time the position did not carry with it a large amount of responsibility, but during the twenty-five years that have since elapsed a very different condition of things has been brought about, chiefly through Mr. Vogt's own efforts. Probably Akron is now as well equipped with public parks as any city in Ohio, and much of their beauty and general utility must be attributed to the efforts of Mr. Vogt. His conscientious performance of every duty in connection with this work, together with his natural love of beauty, and fine executive ability, have contributed to make him a most useful public officer, and have resulted in benefitting every resident of Akron.

In 1861, Mr. Vogt was married to Lovina Walter, who was born in Summit County, Ohio. He has three children—Frank, residing in Akron; Ella, who married William Wheeler, residing in Akron; and Abbie, who married Bert Taggart, and also a resident of Akron.

GEORGE ZELLER, one of Portage Township's representative citizens and successful agriculturists, resides on his valuable farm of ninety-five acres, which he has placed under an excellent state of cultivation. George Zeller was born in Stark County, Ohio March 19, 1852, and is a son of William Zeller.

The Zeller family originated on the farther side of the Atlantic ocean, its first members in America having come here from Germany. William Zeller came to Ohio and settled in Stark County, and in 1860 he came to Summit County. He was a saddler by trade but turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, acquiring large tracts of valuable land and when he died, March 2, 1907, at the age of eighty-two years, he was a man of ample fortune.

Up to the age of twenty-four years George Zeller remained at home and assisted on the homestead farm, and then went to Akron for a few years and worked in the Buckeye shops; and then he worked as a steamfitter. Eventually he returned to the country, purchas-

ing at that time his present farm, on which he has since continuously resided. Formerly he raised many head of hogs, but now contents himself with keeping about twelve head of cattle, shipping his milk to Akron, and to raising abundant crops of wheat, corn and oats. Mr. Zeller's farm is somewhat noted for the magnificent barn he put up in 1897, replacing one that had been destroyed by fire in the previous year. Its dimensions are 70 by 40 feet and the supports are 18-foot posts. The interior of this structure is well finished, and his cattle have clean and sanitary quarters.

George Zeller's family is made up of wife and two children. He married Lenora Sharp, a lady who was born at Akron. Their son, Fred G., is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser, who owns 186 acres of land in Northampton Township, Summit County. Their daughter, Clara, lives with her parents. Politically, Mr. Zeller is a Republican, but he is not an active politician. He is a good, reliable, straight-forward man, one whose neighbors know just where to find him on any question involving right and wrong.

JOHN SMITH, a representative citizen and substantial resident of Tallmadge Township, owns two farms of sixty-five acres each, one of which is situated within the city limits of Akron. Mr. Smith was born about seventy-two years ago, in County Antrim, Ireland, and was fifteen years of age when his parents came to America. They were named Robert and Mary (McCracken) Smith, children respectively of Robert Smith and Patrick McCracken.

In England, prior to his losses, which were caused by the murrain in his cattle, the father of John Smith was a successful raiser and dealer in stock. He was born in the north of Ireland, where he owned three farms at one time. After his losses he decided to come to America. He embarked on one of the frail old sailing ships, which required six weeks and three days to make the voyage which the latest ocean marvel has accomplished in about four days, but it landed the family safely on American soil and they came immediately to Akron. They lived first on Broad Street, removing later to Rubber Street. John and his brother went to work in the woolen mills of Rouse & Goodrich, where they remained for a number of years. In the meanwhile the father bought a farm of 160 acres from Roswell Kent, a part of which he sold for city lots.

The large family of Robert and Mary Smith included nine sons and three daughters. Joseph died in 1861. Robert died in the same year. Hugh married and moved to Missouri, where he died. William also died in Missouri. Samuel lived to within ten years ago. James, who lived on the homestead, died in the fall of 1906. Patrick married and is prospering in Arizona. John, as noted above, lives in Tallmadge. Eliza married John N. Hankey and died at Cleveland. Mary is the widow of John Honodle, who died in 1891. Margaret never married.

John Smith has spent a large part of his active life at work in woolen mills, his last labor in this line having been in mills at Cleveland. He resides with his two sisters on the farm which the family has owned for the past fifty years. Every acre of it is valuable. The Smith family belong to the Presbyterian Church, in which they were reared by their Christian parents. Politically, Mr. Smith is a stanch Republican and he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

CHRISTOPHER SCHECK, who operates a well-improved tract of farming land, consisting of fifty-five acres, in Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, was born March 10, 1851, in Germany, and is a son of Jacob and Frederica (Reichard) Scheck.

When but one and one-half years of age Mr. Scheck was brought to America by his parents, who settled first at Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio, but after five years removed to Northampton Township, Summit County, where the father purchased twenty-five acres of land. Here he carried on farming until about 1864 or 1865, when he bought the property now owned by Christopher

Scheck, on which was situated a log house. This house originally stood near the river, but it was moved by the family to the location of the present home, which was erected by Christopher Scheck after his marriage. The farm was cleared and gardening commenced, and later the parents purchased forty-five acres of land, about one-quarter of a mile away, which land is now occupied by William and John Scheck, brothers of Christopher. Here Jacob and Frederica Scheck spent the remainder of their lives.

Christopher Sheck was married (first) to Louise Eberhart, who was born in New York, and was a daughter of George Eberhart. Four children were born to this union, namely: Fred, who died aged about seven years; Kate, who married Gus Schmeidel, of Akron, has two children, Gertrude and Margaret; and Clarence and George. Mrs. Scheck died in 1887, and Mr. Scheck was married (second) to Mrs. Lena (Gestner) Rebaux. One child, Lillian, has been born to this union. Mrs. Scheck has a son by her first marriage, Curtiss A. Rebaux, who lives in New York City, where he is a mail carrier. He was in the Spanish-American War, in Company H, Eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the whole period of war.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Scheck located on their present farm, where Mr. Scheck has been engaged in raising vegetables, the larger amount of which he sells at wholesale. He is considered one of the reliable men of the township, and has served efficiently in the capacities of school director and supervisor. Mr. Scheck and family belong to the German Reform Church and Mrs. Scheck belongs to the German Lutheran Church.

CORNELIUS ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, a highly esteemed retired citizen of Tallmadge Township, was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 16, 1842, and is a son of William and Elizabeth G. (Moore) Johnston.

Cornelius Johnston, the grandfather of Cornelius A. Johnston, was one of the earliest settlers in Green Township. He was a native of Pennsylvania. He lived in Green Township until his death when aged about eighty years. His birth is recorded in Center County, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1782. He married Elizabeth Wilhelm, March 25, 1806, who was born June 18, 1787, a daughter of Abraham Wilhelm, who settled in Green Township in 1814. Cornelius Johnston entered 320 acres of land on which the town of Greensburg is now located. His children were as follows: Mary, born March 3, 1807, resided at Akron until her death; Alexander; Abraham W.; John, born February 11, 1813, married Elizabeth R. Newton, February 4, 1840, and died January 26, 1876; William, born in Green Township, August 3, 1815, and was the third white child born in the township in which his father had located in the previous year.

On April 22, 1841, William Johnston was married to Elizabeth G. Moore, who died in 1894. They had two children: Cornelius Alexander, named for his grandfather and for an uncle, who was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, in 1808; and John M. The latter is a retired citizen of Akron and one of the Board of Infirmary directors of Summit County. In 1844, William Johnston moved to Copley Township, settling on lot 15, where he resided until his death, in 1886. He was a man of quiet tastes, a farmer and good citizen. He was identified with the Republican party.

Cornelius Alexander Johnston was educated in the district schools and the Twinsburg Institute and also enjoyed two years at Union College, at Mt. Union, Ohio. When twenty-three years old he embarked in the coal business in Coventry Township, as a member of the Johnston Coal Mining Company, with which he remained connected for four years, and then sold his coal bank, purchasing an interest in an oil refinery at Akron. In 1874 he disposed of this interest and purchased a farm of 104 acres, one miles south of Tallmadge, which was the old Alpha Wright farm. This farm Mr. Johnston continued to operate until he retired in 1897.

On October 22, 1869, Mr. Johnston was

married to Sarah A. Swartz, who was a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Swartz. She died December 8, 1894. They had three children: Elizabeth May, Clara B., and one that died in infancy.

Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Johnston has consistently supported the candidates and measures of the Republican party. He is not bigoted in his views, however, and has a kindly tolerance for those whose ideas conflict with his own. This pleasant temperament perhaps has something to do with making Mr. Johnston so universally esteemed in his community. He has been a progressive, and intelligent promoter of public-spirited enterprises and has shown that he has had the best interests of his neighborhood at heart.

DANIEL P. STEIN, sheriff of Summit County, and a capable and conscientious public officer, was elected in the fall of 1906, and assumed the duties of this responsible office, January 7, 1907. He was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1859, and is a son of Henry and Mary E. (Cramer) Stein.

Henry Stein was born in Germany and settled in Green Township shortly after coming to America, but prior to his death removed to Springfield Township. Four of his six children still survive, namely: Amanda, who is the widow of Emanuel Killinger, residing at Akron, Emeline, who is the wife of Benjamin Hollen, residing in Marshall County, Indiana; William Henry, who is engaged in farming in Green Township; and Daniel P., whose name begins this sketch.

Daniel P. Stein was reared and educated in Green Township and continued to farm there until 1890. He then became connected with the street railway business, in which he continued for thirteen years, when he turned his attention to the grocery business. In this latter business he prospered and it was only given up in order that he might assume the duties of sheriff to which his fellow-citizens had elected him. For the past fifteen years he has been active in politics and has served as a member of the City Council from the Seventh Ward.

Sheriff Stein was married January 25, 1879, to Celia A. Hartong, who is a daughter of Allan Hartong. Their family consists of five sons and five daughters. Fraternally, Sheriff Stein is an Encampment member of the Odd Fellows, is a Knight of Pythias, Uniform Rank, Company 21, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of Akron's representative men and is popular all over the county.

RUFUS P. UPSON, a prominent citizen of Tallmadge Township, where he owns two fine farms aggregating 175 acres, was born November 23, 1834, in Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Anson and Polly (Upson) Upson.

The earliest ancestors of this family in America came from England in 1635, two brothers of the name being with the colonizing Puritans. Stephen Upson, the great-great-grandfather of Rufus P., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The maternal Upson line follows:

John Upson, the great-grandfather of Rufus P., lived in Connecticut. His children were: Stephen, Daniel, Horatio, John, Thurman, Reuben, Huldah, Sylvia and Lucinda. In 1810, when advanced in years, John Upson came to Tallmadge Township and lived with his son Reuben until his death. He was a member of the Congregational Church.

Reuben Upson, the grandfather of Rufus P., was born at Waterbury, Connecticut, August 14, 1771. He received a good education for his time and taught school. On December 25, 1798, he was married to Hannah Richardson, who was born at Waterbury, October 18, 1780, a daughter of Ebenezer Richardson. By trade, Reuben was a carpenter and joiner. In 1808 he came to Ohio with his brother Stephen and family, making the trip with a five-horse team, but even then the journey required six weeks of time as the road had to be cut through the forest. They settled in Portage County, where the brothers had bought land from the Connecticut Land Com-

pany, paying 75 cents an acre. The children of Reuben Upson and wife were: Phebe, Emma, Reuben and Polly, born in Connecticut.

The land upon which Reuben Upson settled was heavily timbered and it required hard work to clear up even 60 acres, after which Mr. Upson sold that land and moved to Tallmade Township, Summit County, where he purchased a farm of Priest Leonard Bacon, a celebrated character of that day. Reuben Upson cleared 100 acres of this land and lived on that farm until 1818, when he moved to the northeastern part of Tallmadge Township, where he bought 300 acres. Not being able to secure a clear title to this land, he received in lieu of it, 100 acres in Tallmadge Township, 100 acres on the Cuyahoga River and 100 acres near by. Mr. Upson now worked to a large degree at his trade, and hired others to clear the farm and make improvements. He died on this farm in 1844, aged 77 years. He was a strict member of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican, having strong anti-slavery views. He was one of the earliest Masons in the Western Reserve and he belonged to Masonic Lodges at Canfield and Columbus. Four more children were born to him after he settled in Ohio, namely: Chloe, Hannah, Julius A. and George M.

Tracing the Upson family back on the paternal side, the ancestral record is as follows:

Rufus P. Upson descends from Thomas Upson, who came from England and settled at Hartford, Connecticut, at an early day, where it is on record that he enjoyed the right to get wood and keep his cows on the Common. About 1638 he is listed as one of the original proprietors of Farmington, Connecticut. He married Elizabeth Fuller, in 1646, and died July 19, 1655. His children were: Thomas, who died at Saybrook, Connecticut; Stephen; Mary; Eliza, and Hannah, the latter of whom died July 20, 1655.

Stephen, second son of Thomas and Elizabeth Upson, was married December 29, 1682, to Mary, daughter of John Lee, Sr. of Farmington, Connecticut, and died in 1735, aged 85 years. His wife died February 15, 1715-16. Prior to his marriage he moved to Waterbury and became a proprietor December 29, 1679, to the amount of fifty pounds. He became a man of affairs there and was one of a committee to settle bonds with Woodbury, in April, 1702, and was made surveyor, committeeman and grand juror. He was three times deputy to the General Court, in May, 1710, in October, 1712, and in October, 1729. In 1715 he was a sergeant and in 1729 he had a seat with the volunteers in the new meeting-house. His children were: Mary, born November 5, 1683, married Richard Welton, son of John; Stephen, born September 30, 1686; Elizabeth, born February 14, 1689; Hannah, born March 16, 1695, married (first) Thomas Richards, (second) John Bronson, and in 1751 was living a widow; Tabitha, born March 16, 1698, married John Scoville; John, born December 13, 1702; and Thankful, born March 14, 1706-7, married James Blakesley.

Thomas Upson of the third American generation, was a son of Stephen and Mary (Lee) Upson. He married Rachel, daughter of Thomas Judd, and they resided on Cole street, Waterbury, Connecticut, until 1732-3, when he sold and moved to Farmington, later to Southington, where he died respected and esteemed. His wife Rachel died July 13, 1750, aged 56 years, and he died September 29, 1769, aged 68 years. The following children were born to Thomas and Rachel Upson: Thomas, born December 20, 1719; Mary and John, twins, the latter of whom died in 1741, the former of whom married Josiah Newell, of Southington; Josiah, born January 28, 1724, died in 1725; Asa, born November 30, 1728; T. W., born October 8, 1731; Amos, born March 17, 1734; Samuel, born in March, 1737; Freeman, born July 24, 1739, died in 1750.

Thomas Upson, son of Thomas and Rachel (Judd) Upson, married Hannah Hopkins, daughter of Timothy Hopkins, of Waterbury, May 28, 1749, and settled one mile north of Wolcott Center, and died in 1798, aged 79 years. His wife died June 6, 1757. They

had the following children: Benoni, born February 14, 1750; Charles, born March 8, 1752; Sylvia, born June 7, 1756, died in 1764.

Charles Upson, known as 'Squire Upson, son of Thomas and Hannah Upson, married Wealthy Hopkins, March 26, 1773, who died December 8, 1783. He married (second) the Widow Mary Moulthrop, March 24, 1784. He resided on the homestead and was a man of considerable influence in the community, and in 1805 he had the largest tax list of any man there. He subscribed the largest sum for the settlement of Reverend Woodward in 1792, and for many years he was a justice of the peace. He was accidentally killed when riding into his barn on a load of hay, April 29, 1809, aged 57 years. His widow died March 30, 1826, aged 76 years.

The children of Charles Upson by his first wife were: Washington, born September 2, 1775; Lee, born May 7, 1778; and Gates, born July 18, 1780. By his second marriage he had the following children: Thomas, born September 23, 1785; Charles Hopkins, born July 18, 1788; Mark, born October 24, 1790; Wealthy H., born April 18, 1794, married March 30, 1817.

Dr. Lee Upson, son of Charles and Wealthy (Hopkins) Upson, married Roxanna Lewis and they had the following children: Anson, Sarah, Israel and Olivia. All of the children remained in Connecticut except Anson. Dr. Upson and wife died in Connecticut, the former, February 7, 1851. He was a member of the Congregational Church.

Anson Upson, son of Dr. Lee and Wealthy (Hopkins) Upson, was born at Walcott, Connecticut, December 21, 1801. In 1825, prior to marriage, he came to Tallmadge township, Summit County, where he remained two years and then returned to Connecticut and worked in a cotton factory for Seth Thomas, who later became distinguished as a clock-maker. In 1832 Anson Upson returned to Ohio, and in 1833 he was married in Tallmadge Township to Polly Upson, who was born at Waterbury, Connecticut, June 9, 1806, and died November 1, 1884. She was a daughter of Reuben and Hannah (Richardson) Upson. Their children were: Rufus P.; Maria P., residing in Tallmadge, married George H. Root, and they have two children; and Helen L. and Harriet H., twins, born October 18, 1842. Helen L. married Roland Hough, of Rootstown, and they have five children. Harriet H. married Festus Sanford and they also reside at Rootstown, Portage County, and have one child.

Anson Upson settled in Tallmadge Township, where he bought a farm of seventy-two acres, which was then all forest land, and there he lived until his death, February 7, 1851, aged forty-nine years. He was a member of the Congregational Church and a trustee. In politics, he was first a Whig and later an Abolitionist. Like other members of his family, he was a man of unswerving integrity.

Rufus P Upson attended the schools of Tallmadge Township in his boyhood, where he laid the foundations of his education which years of practical experience and contact with his fellow-men has widened and broadened. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and followed farming on his father's land until 1891, when he settled on the farm which he has operated ever since. This contains 100 acres of most excellent land and he has improved it greatly by erecting commodious and substantial buildings. He carries on a general farming line and has been rewarded for his industry by continued prosperity. His second farm is equally valuable and he is justly considered one of the substantial as well as competent agriculturists of Tallmadge Township.

On October 22, 1861, Rufus P. Upson was married to Mary Upson, who was born May 20, 1836, in Tallmadge, and is a daughter of Edwin and Betsey (Blakesley) Upson. Edwin Upson, father of Mrs. Rufus P. Upson, was born May 21, 1804, at Waterbury, Connecticut, and was a son of Horatio and Hannah (Cook) Upson, who was a son of John Upson.

Edwin Upson came to Tallmadge Township, Summit County, Ohio, a youth of twenty-two years, in 1822, accompanying his uncle Reuben Upson, Calvin Treat and Abra-

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ham Hine. The party came on foot, making the journey as far as Buffalo, New York, in eighteen days. Subsequently, Edwin Upson returned to Connecticut, where he married Betsey Blakesley and in 1833 he came with his family, to Tallmadge and settled on a partly improved tract of land in the north part of the township. The farm contained 107 acres and fifteen had been cleared and a log house stood on the place. Mr. Upson cleared the remainder of the land and developed a fine property. His parents accompanied him when he settled permanently in Ohio and they died on this farm. Edwin Upson lived to the age of eighty-one years, dying May 1, 1885. His wife lived many years longer, dying May 4, 1902, aged eighty-four years. Up to the close of her life she retained remarkable eyesight, never having required the assistance of glasses until within a very few years of her death, although she delighted in fine sewing and embroidering. Both Edwin Upson and wife were members of the Congregational Church. The children of Edwin and Betsey Upson were: Mary M.; Jacob E., who died aged five years and nine months; and Joseph E., residing at Cleveland, who married Cornelia Lyman.

Rufus P. Upson and wife have had the following children: Addie M.; Amelia A., who married Walter L. Mallory, of Cuyahoga Falls, have had five children, Ruth, Ernest Leroy, Helen, Donald D., and Blanche, deceased; Edward A., residing in Tallmadge Township, engaged in farming, married Minnie Skinner; Henry S., who died March 25, 1887; George L., residing on the home farm with his parents, married Jessie Southmayd; and Bessie L., residing at home.

Mr. Upson is one of the original Republicans of Tallmadge Township and voted for Abraham Lincoln when he was first the nominee of this party, and he has never changed his political allegiance. For nine years he has served as township trustee and both in and out of office has taken pride in being a good citizen in all that the word implies. He is a useful member of the Tallmadge Historical Society.

U. G. HIGH, county treasurer of Summit County, Ohio, and president of the Johnson Hardware Company, of Barberton, was born in 1868, in Coventry Township, Summit County, and is a son of Alem and Elizabeth High.

The father of Mr. High has been a resident of Coventry Township for the past sixty years and is still hale and hearty, although he has passed his eighty-fourth birthday. He accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania to Summit County in 1831, and can still recall many of the incidents of the wagon journey through the unsettled regions. He has followed agricultural pursuits all his life.

U. G. High was educated in the local schools near his home and later at Lebanon, and then taught school for six years, when he was made deputy auditor of Summit County, serving in that office for five years. Mr. High resigned that position in order to become assistant cashier of the Barberton Savings Bank, where he remained for four years, resigning August 12, 1906, in order to again resume the duties of public office. He was appointed treasurer of the county to fill out the term of Treasurer F. E. Smith, who had resigned the office, and his efficiency has brought him many marks of public confidence and approval. Mr. High has always taken an active interest in public matters in his community, has served five years on the Barberton Board of Education, and has consistently promoted the movements which have been designed to be of benefit to this section. He was the first Republican clerk elected in Coventry Township in twenty years. His business interests are also important, and for a number of years he has been president of the Johnson Hardware Company.

In 1899 Mr. High was married to Laura B. Miller, who is a daughter of John Miller, of Portage County, and they have two children: Laura Lucile and Wayne Miller. Fraternally, Mr. High is identified with National Lodge, F. & A. M.; Barberton Tent, K. O. T. M., and Barberton Lodge, B. P. O. E. He is a member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of Barberton.

W. G. ALLEN, general manager of the Niagara Fire Extinguisher Company, with offices in the Hamilton Building, Akron, is one of the city's capable business men, and has been a resident here since 1900. He was born at Dundee, Michigan, in 1872, and was reared and educated in his native state. During almost the whole of his business life, he has been in his present line of business. For fourteen years he was connected with the Automatic Sprinkler Company, of Chicago, as department manager, leaving there in 1900, in order to become general manager of the Niagara Fire Extinguisher Company, at Akron, where the company has a factory for the manufacture of automatic sprinkling appliances. The output of this factory is of standard excellence and the sale of the company's goods, under Mr. Allen's progressive business methods, is constantly increasing.

In 1897 Mr. Allen was married to Jessie D. Bryden, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and they have one child, Jeanette M. Mr. Allen is a man of social tastes and belongs to all of Akron's exclusive clubs.

C. S. HIDDLESON, M. D., one of Akron's leading medical men, who located here after a number of years of professional experience in other places, was born at Randolph, Portage County, Ohio, in 1860, and there obtained his literary training to the extent of graduating from the Randolph High School.

After some preliminary medical study, he entered the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, and in 1883 he received his medical degree from the old Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. Dr. Hiddleson then located at Randolph, where he practiced for four years. He subsequently went to Atwater, where he remained for seventeen years, and then took a post-graduate course in the New York Post Graduate School. Coming afterwards to Akron, he has remained here since, taking a prominent place among the skillful medical practitioners of this city. He is a member of the Summit County Sixth Councilor District, and also of the Ohio State, the Northeastern and the American Medical Societies.

In 1885 Dr. Hiddleson was married to Ella M. Mendenhall, of Randolph, Ohio. They have two children, Robert M. and Dorothy, both students, the former having just entered upon his second year in Western Reserve University, after a vacation tour of Europe. The family belong to the West Hill Congregational Church of Akron. Dr. Hiddleson is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a Maccabee; he belongs also to the Masonic club of Akron.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOFFMAN, one of Portage Township's leading citizens, who has served as township trustee since 1901, resides on his well-improved farm of forty-two acres, which is situated on the North Howard Street extension, just north of the city limits of Akron, and which Mrs. Hoffman inherited through her mother. Mr. Hoffman was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 12, 1843, and is a son of Philip and Amelia (Feller) Hoffman.

Philip Hoffman and wife were both born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and were married at Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio. They went to housekeeping near Doylestown, Wayne County, but later moved to Norton Township, Summit County, where Philip Hoffman owned a small farm, and also carried on shoemaking. Both he and wife died on another farm, of eighty acres, to which they moved when Benjamin F. was twelve years old.

Benjamin F. Hoffman attended the country schools and worked in the neighborhood until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to work for Superintendent Frank T. Husong, at the Summit County Infirmary, where he remained until he was twenty-one. He was mainly engaged in teaming until 1870, when he went to work at the Excelsior Works and remained two years, after which he became an employe of the Buckeye Reaper and Mower Company, and continued with that concern for twenty years. In 1893, he purchased his present farm and has been con-

cerned in its cultivation and improvement ever since. Mr. Hoffman also owns four acres of very valuable land on the corner of Tallmadge and Schiller Avenues, Akron, which he is selling in town lots. In 1893 he erected his commodious frame residence and gradually has built all necessary farm buildings.

In 1865 Mr. Hoffman was married (first) to Clara Brumbaugh, who died in 1869, leaving no children. She was a daughter of David Brumbaugh. He was married (second), in 1870, to Almira Zeller, who is a daughter of William Zeller, and they have had eleven children, all of whom survive except Joseph, the next to the youngest, who died when two years old. Those living are: Charles W., residing at Akron, is engaged in the plumbing business; George P., residing at Akron, is in the plumbing and building block business; Frank P., residing at Akron, is a bookkeeper; Harry, residing at Detroit, is a baker by trade; Edward, residing at Akron, is collector for the People's Telephone Company; Oliver, residing at Akron, is a plumber by trade; and May, Clyde, Eli and Ruth, all residing at home. The older sons are all married, and all are doing well.

Politically, Mr. Hoffman is a Democrat. He has always taken a good citizen's interest in public matters. In 1901 he was elected township trustee and has been continued in office to the present time, giving his fellow citizens careful and faithful service.

A. LINCOLN CARPENTER, residing on North Howard Street, Akron, owns a fine farm of eighty acres, just outside the city limits, and is one of the substantial citizens of Portage Township. He was born on the old Judge Pitkin's farm, just east of his present one, August 15, 1863, and is a son of Abraham and Eliza (Wise) Carpenter.

Abraham Carpenter was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Gabriel Carpenter, who came to Stark County, Ohio, when Abraham was about eight years of age. Gabriel Carpenter was a day laborer. His wife died in Stark County. He continued to reside there until within five years of his death, when he took up his residence with his sons, Abraham and Jacob, in Summit County.

Abraham Carpenter was reared in Stark County, and in early manhood married Eliza Wise, who was born in Stark County and was a daughter of George W. Wise. A few years later, Abraham Carpenter and wife came to Portage Township, his father-in-law having purchased a farm of 320 acres, which he farmed on shares for many years, a large part of the property subsequently coming into the possession of his family. Mr. Wise died on the Wise farm, a part of which A. Lincoln now owns. The Carpenters had three children: Alfaretta, who married Levi A. Lancaster, resides at Akron; Jennie, who married Joseph Sehnee, resides at Akron; and A. Lincoln. The mother of the above family died at the age of seventy-five years. The father still survives, at the age of seventy-seven years.

A. Lincoln Carpenter was reared on the home farm, and with the exception of the first four years of married life, when he rented a farm in Copley Township, he has never lived out of sight of his present farm. He attended the country schools near his home and when we was seventeen years of age, he entered the Empire Mower and Reaper Company and worked in the blacksmith shop for eleven years. He was employed also, for one year, in the Buckeye Mower and Reaper Works. Leaving out these twelve years, Mr. Carpenter has devoted himself exclusively to farming and dairying. He has made a success of the latter industry through hard work. He started in with a milk route, buying his milk from other parties, and peddled it for some five years before he purchased any cows. He now own twenty-eight head and has a good business. In 1902 he moved to his present farm and in 1906, he built his handsome and commodious cement-block house. His farm has an excellent tenant house on the place, that he built in 1902, and he has erected all the other substantial buildings, no improvements being here when he purchased the land. Mr. Carpenter has shown great

good judgment in locating the site of his residence. It overlooks the Cuyahoga Valley and on a clear day the view extends to West Richfield, seventeen miles away. His fertile land yields readily to culture and he makes something of a feature of gardening and growing choice berries.

On April 29, 1886, Mr. Carpenter was married to Laura Viers, who is a daughter of B. J. Viers, and they have two children: Ford L. and Adele, both of whom are students at Buchtel College.

JOHN W. SEWARD, a representative citizen, formerly county surveyor of Summit County, now living at Tallmadge Center, was born in Tallmadge Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 14, 1826, and is a son of Amos and Asenath (Dudley) Seward.

Mr. Seward traces his ancestry to an old English family which was first represented in New England by Lieut. William Seward, who was married to Grace Norton, April 2, 1651. He died March 22, 1689. John W. Seward is in the seventh generation from this ancestor.

Nathan Seward, the paternal grandfather, was born October 18, 1758, and married Martha Gridley. They moved to New Hartford, Connecticut, where he died November 15, 1815. He served for five years with the Continental Army in the Revolutionary struggle, and was given a colonel's commission in the War of 1812, in which he served several months.

Amos Seward, father of John W., was born at Cornwall, Connecticut, February 19, 1786, and died in Tallmadge Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 12, 1859. He married Asenath Dudley, who was born at Middletown, Connecticut, November 28, 1787, and died September 20, 1852. Her parents were Isaac and Anna (Woodhouse) Dudley, the former of whom was born April 8, 1761, and died September 9, 1843. He was a descendant of William and Jane (Lutman) Dudley, of Oakland, England, and came with the original colony that settled at Guilford, Connecticut, in 1639.

In 1817 Amos Seward came to Tallmadge Township, Summit County, where, as the lay of the land suited his fancy, he bought a farm and then returned to his former home, Whitestown, New York, from which place he removed his family and established his home in the new location, March 10, 1818, where he spent the remainder of his life. Four of his children grew to maturity, John W. being the youngest and the only one born in Tallmadge Township, of which he is now the oldest surviving native-born resident. The other three children, all born at Whitestown, New York, were: Frederick, who was born in 1811, married Nancy Carrell; Amos, who was born April 19, 1815, married Pleiades Barber, July 14, 1840, and they reside in California; and Sarah Abbott, who was born November 5, 1817, married Rev. James Shaw, October 22, 1850, and died in December, 1904.

In many respects, Amos Seward was one of the most prominent men of his day in Tallmadge Township, and for years was a factor in the public and political life of Summit County. About 1830 he was appointed one of the appraisers, at the time that Congress appropriated several thousand acres of school lands for the Western Reserve, these being mainly situated in Holmes County. In 1835 he was elected to the State Legislature from Portage County, and in 1842 was elected from Summit County. In 1847 he was elected to this body from both Portage and Summit Counties. In the spring of 1840, when Summit County was formed, he was appointed county assessor and at the regular election in the fall of the year, he was elected for a period of two years and was the only man who ever held that office in the county, as the law was then changed, giving assessors to each township. In the meanwhile he had been appointed by the governor of the State to membership on the State Board of Equalization. He was an active member of the Tallmadge Historical Society and was its first president. In all that pertained to his section he was actively interested throughout his long and useful life.

John W. Seward attended the district schools of Tallmadge Township and enjoyed one term at Middlebury (now the Sixth Ward of Akron) and spent one term at the academy at Tallmadge Center. He continued to assist on the home farm up to 1851, in the meanwhile teaching several sessions of the district school in his neighborhood. From November, 1850, to June, 1851, he served as a guard in the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus, when he resigned on account of his health. He had given some attention to the study of general surveying and when the C. A. & C. Railroad extended its survey through this section, Mr. Seward became a member of the engineering corps and continued with this body until the road was completed as far as Millersburg. After his marriage, in 1858, Mr. Seward continued on the home farm for several years, after which he engaged in a foundry business at Fredericksburg, Wayne County, for almost five years. In 1861, he served four months in the Federal Army, as a member of Company G, 166th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in September of that year.

On account of his father-in-law's feeble health, Mr. Seward then returned to Tallmadge, and he engaged in carpenter work and paid some attention to surveying, gradually giving that calling the larger part of his attention. His capacity and efficiency were soon recognized, and in 1874 he was elected surveyor for Summit County, and during his three years in the office did a large amount of important work. For a period of thirty years he did all the surveying for the Akron cemetery, and on account of his accuracy and experience, he was called upon to do a great deal of private work in this line. For some years Mr. Seward has been a notary public and for eighteen years he was a justice of the peace.

On April 22, 1858, Mr. Seward was married to Urania D. Ashley, a daughter of Anson and Miranda (Fenn) Ashley. The Ashley family can be traced back for many generations. Oliver Ashley, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Seward, was a son of Oliver, son of David, son of David, son of David, son of Robert and was in the fifth generation from a daughter of Governor Robert Treat of Connecticut. Oliver Ashley married, in 1793, Tabitha Baker. He was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, November 20, 1766, and died June 14, 1825. Anson Ashley, father of Mrs. Seward, was born in Massachusetts, in 1796, and was married in Tallmadge Township, Summit County, to Miranda Fenn, who was born June 1, 1798, and lived to the age of ninety-one years, within two years of the limit of the lives of her mother and her grandmother. Peek Fenn, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Seward, was also in the fifth generation from Governor Robert Treat, of Connecticut. He came to Tallmadge Township in 1818, one year later than Anson Ashley, his son-in-law. There were ten children born to Anson Ashley and wife, namely: Miranda, who was the wife of Edward C. Leach, of New York; Sarah, who was the second wife of Edwin C. Leach, died in 1902; Anson, who lived to the age of seventy-nine years; Urania; Andrus; Lucretia; Anna, Arlington, residing in California; and two children died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Seward have three children: Myra, Anna Woodhouse and Henry Baldwin. Myra Seward was born July 24, 1859, and was married to William G. Pitkin, in 1880 and they have five children: Paul B., Frederick S., William Henderson, John Ashley and Thomas Monroe. Anna Woodhouse Seward went out to China as a missionary, under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Association. In her field of work she met Rev. C. W. Pruitt, who was also a missionary, and they were married and are stationed in North China and have four children: John and Ida, who are attending school at Atlanta, Georgia; and Robert and Dudley McClellan. Henry Baldwin Seward was born August 19, 1865, and in 1892 he married May Avery. They reside at Mineral Ridge, Ohio, and have three children: Myra Rosalie, Laura May and Allen Dudley.

Mr. Seward is a member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Akron. For

forty-two years he has belonged to the Tallmadge Historical Society and is an authority on matters pertaining to its researches, and is treasurer of this organization. He is one of the leading members of the Congregational Church at Tallmadge, and has long been treasurer of the church's private benefactions. For eighteen years he was registrar of the Puritan Conference of this religious body. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Seward, at Tallmadge Center, is the residence in which she was born, the old part of which is the oldest frame house in the town.

JOSEPH WARBURTON, M. D., a well-known physician and surgeon, who has been established at Tallmadge since the spring of 1902, was born October 17, 1874, at Greentown, Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of Richard and Sarah (Marsland) Warburton.

The parents of Dr. Warburton were natives of England, where the father was born June 3, 1835, and the mother, December 21, 1842, the latter at Hazel Grove, near Stockport, not far from Liverpool. Richard Warburton was a mining engineer and a superintendent and inspector of mines. He preceded his family to America and sent for them in 1864. At the time of his death, October 5, 1895, he resided at New Berlin. The family of Richard and Sarah Warburton consisted of the following children: John Thomas, residing at New Berlin, Stark County, Ohio; David; Margaret, who married Henry Gladieux; Richard; Emma and Joseph.

Dr. Joseph Warburton was educated in the public schools and in 1897 he graduated from the New Berlin High School, after which he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and spent one year in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and following this, three years in the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, graduating in the class of 1901. For one year he served as house physician at the Deaconess Hospital, at Dayton, Ohio, and in the spring of 1902 he located in Tallmadge, where he has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice and is recognized as a man of personal high standing.

In 1901 Dr. Warburton was married (first) to Maude E. Wills, who died in the following September. She was a trained nurse by profession. In October, 1903, Dr. Warburton was married (second) to Myrna Munn, of Macedonia, who is a daughter of Wesley and Mary Munn, and they have one child, Francis Munn, who was born at Tallmadge. He is an interesting child of three years.

Mrs. Warburton's grandparents were Hiram and Esther Munn, who were pioneers in Summit County and early settlers at Macedonia. Wesley Munn, father of Mrs. Warburton, married Mary Lanier, who was a native of New York. They had the following children: Esther, who married Frank Wise, a prominent citizen of Macedonia, who was the first mayor there; King, residing at Macedonia; Myrna; and Gladys, residing at home. Mr. Munn died in 1891, aged fifty-eight years, and Mrs. Munn died in 1903, aged fifty-two years.

Dr. Warburton is a member of the Summit County Medical and the State Medical Societies. Politically, he is a Republican, but is only active so far as becomes a good citizen. His fraternal connections are with the Knights of Pythias, No. 501 at Tallmadge, and the order of Maccabees, at New Berlin.

THOMAS E. McSHAFFREY, of the firm of E. McShaffrey & Son, general contractors, doing a large business at Akron and at other points in Summit County, has been one of the partners in this firm for the past two years, and has been indirectly connected with the concern for the past ten years. He was born in 1876, at Akron, and is a son of Edward and Margaret (Magrath) McShaffrey.

Edward McShaffrey was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1851, and came to America at the age of sixteen years. He located at Akron, where, for the past quarter of a century, he has been engaged in general contracting, in 1905 admitting his son to partnership.

Thomas E. McShaffrey was reared at Akron and attended the parochial schools, later tak-

ing a course in Hammel's Business College. Prior to entering into partnership with his father, he was foreman of the Whitman-Barnes Manufacturing Company for eight years, and was identified with that firm for seventeen years in all. The firm of E. McShaffrey & Son have done a large amount of street paving at Akron, with other work, and at present they are building a large sewerage disposal system at Ravenna, Ohio. They are practical men and their work gives universal satisfaction.

On September 28, 1899, Mr. McShaffrey was married to Rose C. Gilbride, of Ravenna, and they have two children: Regina and Thomas Vincent. Both Mr. McShaffrey and wife are members of St. Vincent Catholic Church.

Politically he is a Republican and takes an intelligent citizen's interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the ancient order of Hibernians and the Whitman-Barnes Relief Association.

JARED BARKER, formerly sheriff of Summit County, resides on his farm of forty-four acres, situated in Portage Township, where he is engaged in making such improvements as will make his one of the leading dairy farms of this section. Neither time nor expense is being spared in the construction of sanitary buildings and wholesome surroundings. Mr. Barker was born March 14, 1861, at Bath, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Eliza (Hutchinson) Barker.

Lanson Barker, the grandfather of Jared Barker, was born in Connecticut, November 17, 1791, and he was a son of Jared Barker, who was born in England. Lanson Barker became a resident of the State of New York and, in 1809, he was married to Betsey Phelps, who was born in Connecticut, August 15, 1791. They moved to Ohio and first bought land in Holmes County, removing from it to Massillon, but soon after to Granger Township, Medina County, where they resided a number of years. Still later, Lanson Barker bought land at Royalton, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where his wife died in 1847, his death following in 1855. They had eight children: Roxie A., William, Jared, John, Lyman, Mary, Frances and Nelson.

William Barker, father of Jared, was born in the State of New York, July 30, 1817, and accompanied his parents to Ohio. In 1849, he went to California but soon returned, owing to poor health, and in 1853, he purchased the farm in Bath Township. At that time it was all covered with timber, which he cleared off and erected substantial buildings, developing subsequently a good farm. He engaged also in manufacturing to some extent. In politics he was a strong suppporter of the Republican party and held many offices of trust. He died February 10, 1896. In 1856 he married Eliza Hutchinson, who was born April 3, 1826, who died October 2, 1876. She was a daughter of Warren and Martha (McLaughin) Hutchinson. They had four children, namely: Alonzo, who was born in 1857; Jared and a twin brother, the latter of whom died in infancy; and Bettie, who was born in 1867, died in infancy.

Jared Barker was reared and educated in Bath Township, where he owns a magnificent farm of 267 acres, located in the Yellow Creek bottoms. In addition to farming and stock-raising, Mr. Barker engaged in lumbering, owning a planing mill and a sawmill. He purchased his dairy farm of forty-four acres, June 1, 1907. Until 1902, he continued to live in Bath Township, when, having been elected sheriff of Summit County, he moved to Akron and resided there during his two terms in office. His administration of the responsible office of sheriff gave universal satisfaction to all law-abiding citizens and he retired with a fine record as to efficiency. Since then he has devoted a large part of his attention to developing his dairy farm along first-class lines, it being his idea to supply certified milk, absolutely pure. This is a laudable enterprise which engages the attention of the public at large.

On September 13, 1883, Mr. Barker was married to Almira Myers, who was born

February 24, 1862, at Rome City, Indiana, and is a daughter of William and Sarah (Weikel) Myers. The parents of Mrs. Barker moved from Ohio to Indiana, in 1856, settling in Noble County, where they are prominent in every circle. Mr. Myers is one of the largest agriculturists in that section. They had four children, namely: Samuel, born March 27, 1857; Ellen, born June 22, 1858, who married R. Shroyer, of Indiana; Almira, Mrs. Barker; and Charles, who was born April 7, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have five children, namely: Pearl, born January 7, 1886; Bessie, born October 25, 1889; Mary, born October 21, 1891; Sarah, born August 31, 1890; and William Barker, born July 7, 1898. Mrs. Barker and family are members of the Disciples Church. Politically, Mr. Barker is a stanch Republican, casting his first Presidential vote in support of Hon. James G. Blaine. Mr. Barker is one of the representative men of Summit County.

A. J. DIETRICH, senior member of the firm of Dietrich & Brunswick, proprietors of pattern works, located at No. 90 East South Street, Akron, is at the head of one of the prospering industries of the city. He was born in Akron, in 1872, and is a son of the late Anthony Dietrich, a native of Germany who came to America in 1861. The latter followed the trade of stone-mason until within a short time before his death, which occurred in 1891.

A. J. Dietrich was reared and educated at Akron and is master of two distinct trades, those of cabinet-maker and mill-wright. For eight years he was connected with the American Cereal Company's plant. Later he was employed in the pattern shops of the Taplin-Rice Company, for seven and a half years, for two years of this period being in charge of their pattern department. Having gained the necessary experience and possessing sufficient capital, Mr. Dietrich then entered into partnership with William F. Brunswick, establishing the pattern works of the Dietrich & Brunswick firm, which are fully equipped with all kinds of appliances and modern machinery for every known kind of pattern work.

In 1900 Mr. Dietrich was married to Louise Willenbacher, of Akron, and they have two interesting little sons, Carl Philip and Philip Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich are members of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He belongs to the order of Knights of St. John.

PETER SERFASS, a successful agriculturist of Norton Township, residing on his valuable farm of seventy-six acres, was born in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1826, and is a son of Peter and Eva (Houtsmith) Serfass.

The parents of Peter Serfass came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, in 1838, and as they traveled by wagon their progress was slow and they were on the road nineteen days. The father bought eighty acres of land in Norton Township, which had been partly improved, but later he sold four acres, the remainder being the farm now owned by his son, Peter Serfass. The house that was standing on the place at that time still serves as a residence, although a large amount of money has been spent in remodeling it. The land was soon all cleared and orchards were set out and the parents lived to enjoy some years of comfort and ease on this farm before they passed away. Of their five children, three survive, namely: Ladina, who is the widow of Louis Mosier; Matilda, who is the wife of Jacob Boerstler; and Peter, of Norton Township.

Peter Serfass remained at home and assisted his father until he was twenty-one years of age, and for the following three years worked by the month on the home farm. At this time he was married to Ansaneta Seigfreid, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in girlhood, accompanying her father, who was Louis Seigfried. They have had four children, namely: Clara, who is the wife of Dr. Joseph Wingerter, residing at Akron; Alice Viola, who died aged twenty-

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one years; Cora May; and Elva, who died aged fourteen years.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Serfass settled on the farm, on which they have resided ever since, with the exception of fourteen years spent at Akron, during which time Mr. Serfass was employed by the Hankey Lumber Company. He carries on a general farming line. Mr. Serfass and wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

ROBERT JAMES RODD, superintendent of the rivet department of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company's plant at Kent, Ohio, but a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, was born at London, England, May 29, 1854, and is a son of William James and Sarah (Ashby) Rodd.

The father of Mr. Rodd was born in the great manufacturing city of Birmingham, but learned no trade, having been college-bred. He worked as an accountant until 1875, when he crossed the ocean and settled in Canada, residing at Dundas until 1893. He then came to Cuyahoga Falls, where his death occurred when he had reached the age of sixty-two years. He married Sarah Ashby, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. George Shannon. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while her late husband belonged to the Episcopal communion. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Kate, who married John Morrison, residing at Jordan, Canada; Rosa, who married George Forester, and resides at Cleveland: Mary; Frederick, residing at Cleveland; Arthur; Charles, residing at Cleveland; and Esther, who married George Shannon, and resides at Cuyahoga Falls. Mary and Arthur are deceased.

Robert James Rodd enjoyed good educational advantages, and before coming to Canada, was associated with his father in office work. He then learned the machinist's trade and in 1877 became foreman for the Canada Screw Company, with which concern he remained until it went out of business. In 1879 Mr. Rodd came to Cuyahoga Falls, where he was employed by E. L. Babcock, then of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company, to operate the cold headers, and has been identified with this business ever since. From 1888 until 1891 he was engaged as erecting engineer in the East and South; in the latter year he became assistant superintendent, and in the fall of 1893 became superintendent of the rivet department, which was then separate from the machinery department. He remodeled the shops, and the work has so increased that from a force of thirty-five men then required, he now employs 150.

In June, 1891, Mr. Rodd started to build machinery for making bolts. Prior to that time the company had made only rivets. By adding the manufacture of bolts, the output of the plant was doubled. Mr. Rodd has patents on machines for automatically tapping nuts, this being known as the Rodd's Automatic Nut Tapper. It is in use in all the leading factories of the United States and Canada, and sales have been made also in England and Germany.

On January 4, 1881, Mr. Rodd was married to Katherine Cooper, who was born at Grantham, England, and is a daughter of William Cooper, who settled at Dundas, Canada, in 1859. They have one son, William Cooper, who learned the machinist's trade with his father and now fills the position of draughtsman, with the International Harvester Company, of Akron. Mr. Rodd and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1901 Mr. Rodd built a fine residence on the corner of Broad and Third Streets. The land was secured from the Sill family, whose deed came from the Connecticut Land Company, its earliest owners, the Indians having sold it to that body of promoters.

In politics Mr. Rodd is a Republican. He has never been anxious for political honors, but has served several years as a member of the Board of Education. He has been identified with the Masons for a number of years, and is past master of Star Lodge, No. 187.

L. W. CAMP, president of the L. W. Camp Company, is one of Akron's enterprising and progressive business men of the younger generation, whose energy, in many instances, has infused new life into old and conservative houses. Mr. Camp was born in 1879, at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and is a son of H. B. Camp, one of Akron's prominent men. He was reared at Cuyahoga Falls and Akron, where he attended school. He then engaged in contracting, in association with his father, with whom he remained for three years in New York, where the father had at that time large business interests. In 1902 the L. W. Camp Company was organized and incorporated with a capital stock of $100,000, for the manufacture of fireproof clay products, with L. W. Camp as president and R. E. Armstrong, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Camp has other business interests, being president of the Factory Oil Company and treasurer of the Akron Fire Proof Construction Company. On June 18, 1904, he was married to Louise B. Wettach, who is a daughter of F. J. Wettach, of Akron.

GEORGE A. BISBEE, a veteran of the Civil War and a substantial business citizen of Akron, where he is engaged in a wholesale and retail feed business, at No. 127 South Main Street, was born in 1844, at Union Mills, Lagrange County, Indiana.

Mr. Bisbee was but four years old when his parents died and he was taken into the family of a Mr Capon, whom he subsequently accompanied to Summit County. Here he was reared and attended the district schools. He learned the blacksmith trade and worked at it until 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, 164th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for the 100-day service in the Civil War. During this enlistment he was stationed at Fort Cochran, near Washington, D. C. In February, 1865, Mr. Bisbee re-enlisted, entering Company I, 188th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was sent first to Murfreesboro, and thence to Nashville, where it was stationed at the close of the war, being later mustered out at Columbus.

After the close of his military service, Mr. Bisbee went to work again at his trade, first in Michigan and later at Orland, Indiana, but in February, 1867, he returned to Summit County and went into business at Ghent, where he lived until September 23, 1872. He then came to Akron, and for the succeeding seventeen years was an employee of the Whitman-Barnes Company. He next embarked in his present business, in which he has met with very satisfactory success.

In 1868 Mr. Bisbee was married to Sarah Davis, of Bath, Summit County, and they have one child, Adelia B., who is the wife of M. Janse, residing at Maple Creek, Northwestern Canada. Mr. Bisbee has an honorable record as a soldier, and is a valued member of Buckley Post, G. A. R. He belongs to the Knights of Honor, at Akron.

WILSON F. SEIBERLING, a general farmer, residing on a part of the old Seiberling homestead farm, which is situated on the Norton Center road, just east of Western Star, was born on this farm, in Summit County, Ohio, September 24, 1876, and is a son of Gus and Julia (Kulp) Seiberling, the former of whom was one of the county's prominent men.

Wilson F. Seiberling was reared and educated in Norton Township and attended school at Western Star, completing his education at the Norton Center High School. From that time to the present he has given his attention to general farming and to the raising of fine horses. He settled on his present farm immediately after his marriage, and has continued to develop and improve the land ever since.

On November 29, 1899, Mr. Seiberling was married to Kittie Marnin, who was reared in Chippawa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a daughter of William Marnin. They have had two children, a babe that died in infancy, and Marcella Gertrude.

Mr. Seiberling, like other members of this old Summit County family, is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JAMES B. CROSS, a well-known citizen of Tallmadge Township, where he owns a fertile farm of sixteen and one-half acres, on which he carries on general farming and poultry-raising, is a survivor of the great Civil War and a veteran of the same. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, January 30, 1844, and is a son of Elijah and Hannah (Bidwell) Cross.

The parents of Mr. Cross were natives of England and came to America in 1853. The father settled first in Medina County, Ohio, where he engaged in business as a horticulturist and florist, having served an apprenticeship of seven years to this business in his native land. He died in Medina County in 1879, aged seventy-one years. His widow died in the town of Medina, in 1861. The father was married twice and to his first union there were born four children: Joseph, William, Mary and Elijah. To the second marriage four children were born, as follows: Sarah, who is the widow of Clarence Peck, resides in Lorain County, Ohio; Hannah, deceased, who married Eudoris Stewart; Henry B., who was born in 1848, operates a broom factory in Akron, where he is a useful citizen, taking an interest in public affairs, and being the originator of the measure known as the Buehtel Bill for the Blind; and James B.

James B. Cross attended the district schools in Medina County and assisted his father until he entered the service of the United States, becoming a member of Company G, 84th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was enrolled June 2, 1862, to serve three months, and was honorably discharged September 20, 1862, at Camp Delaware. He re-enlisted May 2, 1864, in Company B, 162nd Regiment, Ohio National Guards, to serve 100 days and was honorably discharged a second time, September 4, 1864, at Camp Chase. A third time he enlisted, February 19, 1865, in Company I, 188th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one year. His first service was on the United States mail boat, taking prisoners from Covington, Kentucky, to Louisville, and the second was at Tullahoma, Tennessee; New Creek, Virginia; Cumberland, Maryland, and at Nashville, Tennessee. He was at Tullahoma at the time of General Lee's surrender, being so ill at the time that it required two men to bring him home.

Following his return from the army, for forty-three years he worked in the gearing department of the Aultman-Miller Company, at Akron, engaged in putting machinery together, and remained until the business changed hands. For twenty-four years he resided at Akron, and has lived on the present place for the past nineteen years. On February 20, 1865, Mr. Cross was married to Almira Branch, who belongs to a very old pioneer family and is a daughter of Lawson and Cordelia Branch. Mrs. Cross is of English descent on the paternal side. The grandfather, Levi Branch, with his brothers, Theodore, Edwin and Elisha, came to Ohio from Massachusetts, and they all settled in York Township, Medina County. The children of Levi Branch were: Lawson, Levi, Theodore, Elisha, Edwin and Mary. Levi Branch was born at Worthington, Massachusetts, September 17, 1779, and died in York Township, Medina County, Ohio, in 1855. He came to that section from Sweden, New York, in 1830, accompanied by his wife and several children. He was a man of authority in York Township. The first election was held in his barn and the first religious meeting was held in his house. The first educational institution the little community erected was named the Levi Branch school-house. For a time he owned the only team in the town and had the monopoly of hauling provisions from Wooster and Portage. For a long period he was the owner of the only stove in the township.

The parents of Mrs. Cross lived and died in Medina County. Her mother came from Sweden, New York, and her father from Massachusetts. Mrs. Cross' eldest sister, Fannie, was born in 1831 and was the first white child born in York Township. She married C. B. Abbott and died aged seventy-six years. The other members of the family were: Egbert, Julia and James, living, and Ellen, Miles, Almira, Levi and Evaline, deceased. In 1907 the survivors of this family had their

first reunion in fifty years and it was a notable occasion.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cross were born the following children: Nellie, who married Charles Leonard, resides at Los Angeles, California, and they have one child, Blanche; Minnie, died in 1877, aged nine years; Pearl, who married Lewis Frase of East Akron, has two children, Ruth and Ralph; Bertha, who married Arthur Warner, who is head chemist of the Goodrich Company, resides on Crosby Street, Akron, and they have one child, Helen; and Roy, who is a bookkeeper in the office of the Goodrich Company, married Lorna Scott of Tallmadge, and they have one child, Winnifred.

For thirty-five years Mr. Cross has been a member of Summit Lodge No. 50, Odd Fellows, his membership dating from January 16, 1871. Both he and wife are members of Tallmadge Grange. They belong to the Universalist Church. Politically, Mr. Cross is a Republican.

LEVI BURROUGHS, general farmer and highly respected citizen of Northfield Township, residing on his well-cultivated farm of thirty-eight acres, is a surviving veteran of the great Civil War, in which he served honorably from 1862 until 1865. Mr. Burroughs was born on the farm in Summit County, Ohio, on which he lives, June 15, 1843, and is a son of Allen and Betsey (Honey) Burroughs.

Allen Burroughs was born in Vermont, in November, 1799, and was a son of David and Polly Burroughs, who founded the family in the Western Reserve. He was an early landholder in Northfield Township; settling here when his land was still in the virgin state. He cleared a forty-acre farm, and continued to improve his property as long as he lived, in the meanwhile taking a good citizen's interest in the development of all this section. He was a man of exemplary life, and supported the public schools, contributed liberally also to religious enterprises, and was a strong advocate of temperance. He lived respected, and died at the age of eighty-two years, esteemed by all who knew him. He married Betsey Honey, who was born in Connecticut, and of their children the following reached maturity: Tryphena, who married John Seidel, both being now deceased; Dorsey W., also deceased; Sabrina, who married Aseph Thompson, and is deceased with her husband; Marinda, who is the widow of Darius Wolcott, residing in Cuyaga County; Wealthy (deceased) was the wife of A. J. Cross, of Michigan; Mary, deceased; and Levi. The parents of the above mentioned family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Levi Burroughs was reared on the home farm in Northfield Township, and his occupation in life has been agriculture. He was only nineteen years of age when, impelled by a sense of patriotism, he offered his services in defense of the nation. On July 30, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 115th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. H. Fitch, contracting to serve three years or during the continuance of the war. Fresh from the healthy life of farm and field, Mr. Burroughs, in all the strength of vigorous youth entered the service of his country.

During the first year of service, Mr. Burroughs was mainly kept on guard duty at Covington, Kentucky, and while endeavoring to protect a bridge on the Chattanooga Railroad, he was captured, with his regiment, by a part of General Hood's army. For one month he was kept a prisoner at Meridian, Mississippi, where rations were issued occasionally, consisting of corn meal with a little beef. From there Mr. Burroughs with his comrades were transferred to Andersonville Prison, famous for the severity with which prisoners were treated, and the hardships they were obliged to endure. Mr. Burroughs was incarcerated there February 3, 1865, and remained until the middle of April, 1865. While his strong constitution enabled him to survive the semi-starvation that was usually the lot of prisoners at Andersonville, many of his comrades succumbed. Mr. Burroughs was one of the last prisoners to be released from Andersonville. He was there at the time President Lincoln was as-

sassinated. He was honorably discharged June 17, 1865, at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio.

On November 20, 1867, Mr. Burroughs was married to Sarah F. Nichols, who was born in West Virginia, across the river from Wellsville, Ohio, September 17, 1839. Mrs. Burroughs is a daughter of Harbin and Lorana (Viers) Nichols. Her father, a shoemaker by trade, settled in Northfield Township about 1850, residing many years at Little York. He died at Northfield, in 1864, aged sixty-five years. His children were: Harriet M., Margaret V., Matilda N., McCourtney B., Beersheba L., Sarah F. and Thomas Benton. Two brothers of Mrs. Burroughs served in the Civil War—McCourtney B. and Thomas Benton. The former died from wounds received at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia. The latter served through the war, taking part in seventeen battles and being wounded at Gettysburg. He subsequently entered the regular army and was sent to the western frontier.

In 1877 Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs settled on the farm on which he has since resided. He carries on general farming, raising corn, oats, wheat and hay, and keeps about five head of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs have four children, namely: Eva M., Harvey A., Thomas Benton and Sheppard H. The eldest daughter is the widow of Frederick Plank and has two bright children. She is the popular teacher at Northfield Center, and resides at home with her parents. Harvey A., who resides at Cuyahoga Falls, married Beatrice Burns. Thomas Benton lives in Northfield Township. He married Lillian Burns. Sheppard H. is one of the leading surgeons in the State of Ohio and is filling the responsible position of surgeon in chief at the Ashtabula General Hospital. He married Elizabeth Baker.

Mr. Burroughs cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has been identified with the Republican party ever since. He has been affiliated with the Royal Dunham Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 177, at Bedford. With his estimable wife he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JACOB J. KRISHER, superintendent of the Akron Foundry Company, is one of the city's successful, self-made men—one who has had a large amount of practical experience in his present line of business. He was born in 1850, at Massillon, Ohio, where he attended school up to the age of eighteen years. He subsequently learned the molder's trade with Russell & Company, and after completing the necessary apprenticeship in the foundry, worked in different establishments at many different places, until 1876, when he came to Akron, which city has been his home since. He was engaged as a molder by the Buckeye Company, with which he remained for five years, and then spent four years with the Empire Company. Later he became connected with Schumacher's Gymnasium, where he remained until 1893. In that year, with J. K. Williams, John C. Weber and Jahant and Charles Stores, he built the Akron foundry, or which he has since had charge. This foundry turns out a large variety of manufactured goods, and gives work to eighty-eight employes. Mr. Krisher is a very competent superintendent, having the tact to manage large bodies of men to good advantage, without friction.

Mr. Krisher was married at Massillon to Frances F. Rhoadbaugh, who died January 11, 1904, leaving three children, namely: Nellie E., who married Henry Brooks, of Akron; Kate S., who married J. F. McGovern, of Akron; and Perry A., who is proprietor of the Krisher Brass Foundry. Mr. Krisher was married (second), on January 24, 1907, to Mrs. L. M. Higy, of Akron. For a number of years he has been an active Odd Fellow.

L. H. SCOTT, residing on his well-improved farm of 114 acres, which is situated one-fourth mile from the eastern limits of the city of Akron, is one of the well-known, highly respected and substantial citizens of this quarter.

The parents of Mr. Scott were married at Buffalo, New York. The mother was born in England and accompanied her parents in childhood to America, where her father died one year later. Her mother returned to England for a short period, but decided to make her permanent home in America and after coming back was married to a Mr. Kendricks, and one child was born to this second union. Three of the five children of her first marriage still survive, namely: L. H., of Tallmadge Township; Mary, residing at Buffalo, where she married Harris Wilkins; and Charles. The latter, when eighteen years of age, entered the regular army of the United States and has served both in Cuba and in the Phillipine Islands. He is still a United States soldier. The father of Mr. Scott had one brother, Zenas, and one sister, Lucretia. Zenas Scott served all through the Civil War, in the Union army. Lucretia Scott married a Mr. Cook. After the death of her first husband, the grandmother of Mr. Scott married a Mr. Green, and children were born to them of whom we have no record. Mr. Green was the only father known to the father of L. H. Scott.

L. H. Scott was reared by his mother's people and was educated in public school No. 19, on North Washington Street, Buffalo, New York. When he had reached the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Scott went to Pittsburg, where he remained four months and then worked for a time in a rolling mill at Girard, Ohio, subsequently traveling to a number of cities, including Cincinnati, Newport, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Marquette, Michigan; and then back to Pittsburg, working for a time in each place and remaining for two years in the latter city, engaged as a structural iron worker. From Pittsburg, Mr. Scott came to Akron, where he engaged in the business of kiln burning sewer pipe.

On May 11, 1881, Mr. Scott was married to Adelaide Denmead, who is a daughter of James and Mary Ann Denmead. They came from England to America, about 1860, settling on the present Scott farm shortly afterward, on which they resided until death. Mrs. Scott was born in America, one of three children. She has one surviving sister, Mary Ann, who married Charles Pennington, and they reside in the State of Washington, where he engages in farming. The mother of Mrs. Scott died soon after coming to America and the father was married (second) to a Mrs. Sands. Mr. Denmead lived to the age of seventy-two years. His second wife, who died two weeks previous to his demise, was eighty-four years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have had four children: Lois Lucretia, who died aged nineteen years, from the effects of an accident on a railroad; Earl J., who operates the pumping station for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, at Akron; Robert Clyde, a potter by trade, residing temporarily in Minnesota; and Vera, who is a student in the school at South West Six Corners.

For nine years Mr. Scott has been successfully engaged in farming on this place. He sold one acre after erecting a house on it, to a Mr. Ewart. The present residence was built by Mrs. Scott's father. Mr. Scott is an independent voter, declining to be identified with any political party. In religious belief he is a Spiritualist.

DANIEL HAWK, one of Summit County's most respected citizens, has been a resident of Tallmadge Township for more than twenty years. He was born in Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, November 14, 1848, and is a son of Philip and Lena (Dock) Hawk.

Philip Hawk, father of Daniel, was born in Germany, and was twenty-one years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. Grandfather Philip Hawk purchased 150 acres of land in the southeastern part of Suffield Township, where he spent the rest of his life. His widow died at the home of their son, Michael Hawk, in Tallmadge Township, Summit County. The children born to the grandparents of Daniel Hawk were: Philip, Abbie, Catherine, Daniel and Michael. Of this family, Abbie married John Guenther and both are deceased; Catherine married

Henry Swartz and she died in Portage County. Daniel was a prominent citizen of Akron, from which place he moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and thence to Los Angeles, California, where he has lived for the past ten years. Michael is a resident of Tallmadge Township.

Philip Hawk (2), father of Daniel, also bought a farm in Suffield Township, situated just north of his father's land, but sold this about the close of the Civil War and purchased a farm in Springfield Township, Summit County, where he died in 1896, in his seventy-ninth year. He married Lena Dock, who still survives, being now in her eighty-fifth year. The children born to Philip and Lena (Dock) Hawk were the following: Daniel, Philip, Frederick, and Lewis. Philip Hawk, the third of the name, resides east of Mogadore, but in Portage County. He married a Miss Guenther, of Hartville, Stark County. Frederick Hawk is a successful farmer of Bromfield Township, Portage County. He married a daughter of Peter Lepper, of Springfield Township, Summit County. Lewis Hawk is employed in the rural mail service. He married Margaret Robinstine, of Logtown.

Daniel Hawk attended the district schools of Suffield Township and grew to manhood on his father's farm, where he was trained in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he settled in Portage County, where he farmed on shares for one year, and then moved south of Kent, purchasing a farm in Bromfield Township, the same on which his eldest son now lives. In 1883 he bought the farm of 128 acres on which he has resided ever since, which he devotes to general farming and dairying. He gives considerable attention to raising horses, his method being to purchase when young, break and then sell, and he has been very successful in this line. In all he owns 420 acres of most excellent land and is one of the township's most substantial men. He has practically made his own way in the world, acquiring his ample fortune by hard work and close attention to business.

In 1872, Mr. Hawk was married to Catherine Fulmer, who was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Adam Fulmer. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Alsace, France, the latter coming to America when eighteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer settled first in Suffield Township, Portage County, but later moved to Jay County, Indiana, where they died.

To Daniel Hawk and wife have been born eight children, namely: Lewis, Ellen, Adam, Grant, Clyde, Frederick, Bertha and Grace. Lewis Hawk is engaged in farming on his father's land near Kent. He married Della Brumbaugh. Ellen, an educated young lady, is bookkeeper for a business firm at Kent, Ohio. Adam Hawk is engaged in farming on the family property, in Tallmadge Township. Grant, residing at home, carries on the dairying interests. The other members of the family reside at home.

Mr. Hawk has shown his interest in the development of his section in many ways, according to his convictions of the duties of a good citizen. Politically, he is a Democrat, but he is no aspirant for office. Both he and wife belong to the local Grange and enjoy its meetings. He is one of the leading members of the East Akron Reformed Church and he was one of the most liberal contributors to the building fund when the present edifice was put up.

OLIVER HARTER, who owns eighty-three acres of some of the finest farming land in Norton Township, resides on this property, which is situated on the East and West road, eight and one-fourth miles west of Akron and about one-half mile east of the Medina County line. Mr. Harter was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 25, 1851, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Baughman) Harter.

John Harter was born in Green Township, Summit County, and was a son of Jacob Harter, who was a native of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the War of 1812 as well as a pioneer settler in this section. When John Harter was ten years of age, his father moved from Green to Coventry Township, where he

settled in a wild region, in the midst of the woods. There he cleared up a farm on which he lived until the age of ninety-two years. John Harter grew to young manhood in Coventry Township and then went to Wisconsin, where he remained for eighteen months working in a lumber camp. There are many accidents in the life of a woodsman and frequently they prove as serious as the one which befell Mr. Harter and his companions. A raft of logs which it had taken hard work to secure, went to pieces in the river when they started to float it. With difficulty they saved enough of the valuable logs to make a second but much smaller raft on which the party floated to St. Louis, where is was sold for only about enough to take the party to their different homes. This adventure seems to have satisfied Mr. Harter as to the safety and stability of an agricultural life and after his return home he soon married and moved to Norton Township. He died February 20, 1905.

John Harter married Elizabeth Baughman, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Norton Township, August 18, 1881. She was a daughter of Theobold Baughman, who came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Summit County, when Mrs. Harter was three years old. The children born to John and Elizabeth Harter were: George; Oliver; William, who died in Illinois; Theobald; Melvina, who married Wilson Waltz, of Tallmadge Township; Eli; Mary, who married Frank Waltenberger; and Otis, who is a Presbyterian minister located at Fredericks-town, Knox County, Ohio.

Oliver Harter was reared on the farm which is now owned by R. B. Baughman and which is situated just west of Johnson's Corners, which was then his father's property, and there he was trained to be a farmer and has followed agricultural pursuits ever since. He continued to reside in Norton Township until October 11, 1871, when he removed with his family, to Illinois, where he acquired a farm of eighty acres in Fayette County, on which he lived for ten and one-half years. In 1882 he sold that farm and returned to Ohio, settling on the farm of his father-in-law, west of Johnson's corners, and lived there for eleven years. During this period he was elected township trustee on the Democratic ticket and served three years. Mr. Harter in the meanwhile, bought his present excellent farm to which he came, March 23, 1893. He has recently completed a fine seven-room residence, modern in construction and full of conveniences and comforts. He has taken an active interest in township matters, being an intelligent, thoughtful man, and for the past eleven years has been serving in the office of assessor.

Mr. Harter was married to Mary S. Weygandt, who is a daughter of Elias Weygandt. She was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio. Her parents lived for two years in Ashland County and then came to Norton Township and settled near Johnson's Corners. Mr. and Mrs. Harter have had seven children, the survivors being: Clara Olive, who taught school for five years after graduating from the Norton High School, later married Henry W. Mong and they have one son, Roy; Emma, who married George Young, resides with her father, and they have three children, Mary Lavina, Gertrude and Marcus Oliver; Ada Blanche, who married Clyde S. Burgner, resides at Cleveland, and they have one child, Earl Raymond; and Earl Monroe, residing at Loyal Oak, married Minnie Bauer. Mr. Harter's youngest daughter, Mrs. Burgner, graduated from the Norton High School, then taught school one year, then took a course in the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland, after which she worked as a stenographer for eighteen months. She was married at Cleveland to a gentleman who had been a childhood companion in Norton Township. Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Harter are deceased, namely: an unnamed infant; John Edmund, who died aged eleven months; and Anna, who died February 17, 1902.

Mr. Harter has always favored popular education and for twelve years served on the School Board. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN M. HOERTZ AND FAMILY

JOHN M. HOERTZ, one of the leading men of Norton Township, residing on his well-improved farm of forty-eight and a quarter acres, was born October 22, 1852, in Independence Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and is a son of Philip Hoertz.

The mother of Mr. Hoertz died when he was an infant, and his father passed away when he was a boy of ten years. He thereupon went to the home of his uncle, John Hoertz, who was a farmer of Cuyahoga County, and remained with him, working on the farm for seven years. After this he worked on farms in the neighborhood until 1875, when he rented a farm, after his marriage, and his family lived on it until 1882, when he purchased his present farm in Norton Township. He has done a large amount of improving here in the way of building and remodeling, and has a very comfortable home. He grows fine fruits and vegetables.

On April 1, 1875, Mr. Hoertz was married to Mary L. Harris, who is a daughter of Vincent G. and Magdalena (Long) Harris. Vincent G. Harris was born in Wayne County, Ohio, February 7, 1826, and died at his home in Copley, November 14, 1905, lacking but a few months of being eighty years of age. He was a son of Aaron and Ellen Harris. He secured such educational training as was afforded in the schools of his day, and after his marriage settled on a farm of fifty acres, one mile north of the center of Copley. To this land he added until he owned 210 acres, all in one body. He was a loyal supporter of the Government during the Civil War and when Governor Tod called on the patriots of Ohio to suppress the raids of the guerrilla, Morgan, in the State, he was one that immediately responded and remained in the service until all danger was over, when he was honorably discharged. Mrs. Harris still survives, having passed her seventy-eighth birthday on March 1, 1907, and she resides in the fine home which her husband built at Copley.

Mrs. Harris was married September 14, 1849, and her happy married life covered fifty-six years. The family consisted of nine children, namely: Mrs. Belle Unger, residing at Averill, Michigan; Mrs. Mary Hoertz; Rev. Joseph J., who is pastor of the Disciples Church at Marion, Illinois; John, deceased in infancy; Mrs. Elizabeth Shock, residing at Helena, Montana; Eliza J., residing at Copley with her mother; Charles F., residing at Loyal Oak; Mrs. Alice S. Fried, residing at Blake, Ohio, and Andrew J., residing at Copley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoertz have two children, Ada Alberta and Harry Ernest. Ada Alberta married Carman Seiberling of Wadsworth, where he operates a grocery store. They have four children—Ernest Allen, Harold Robert, Helen Mary and James Larin. Mrs. Seiberling is an educated, cultured lady. She graduated from the Norton Center High School and subsequently taught school for two years, one term in Norton and the rest at Krumroy, Springfield Township. Harry Ernest also graduated from the Norton Center High School and the Actual Business College, at Akron, and is a member of the office force of the Goodrich Rubber Company, at Akron.

To dispose of the products of his farm, Mr. Hoertz runs a wagon to Barberton at stated intervals, and sometimes even sells at Akron. He is an active, interested citizen and has served as a member of the School Board of Norton Township. He is a member of the Pathfinders. Mr. and Mrs. Hoertz belong to the Wabash Avenue Disciples Church, at Akron.

W. H. HUNT, of the firm of Hunt & Wigley, general contractors, at Akron, is a man of large experience in his line of work and has been a resident of the city in which so much of it is in evidence, for the past twenty-eight years. Mr. Hunt was born in Lancastershire, England, in 1860, and lived there until he was eighteen years of age. In 1878, he came to America, settling in Akron, where he thoroughly learned the brick- and stonemason's trade. He was located for some five years subsequently in New York city, during which time he was engaged in general con-

tracting. After his return to Akron he continued in the same line of industry, working alone for some years, and later admitting J. Wigley to partnership, the firm name of Hunt & Wigley then being assumed. During his nearly twenty years of contracting at Akron, he has executed a large amount of important work, including the erection of great buildings used for business, school and residence purposes. His first large contract was the Doyle Block, which was followed by the Walsh Block and by other buildings of a substantial character, more or less ornate as their uses demanded. His work has stood the most satisfactory tests, and each succeeding job has added to his reputation as an honorable and capable business man. He is the owner of the National Biscuit Block, which he leases to the National Biscuit Company, and of the Hardware & Supply Warehouse, which he leases to the Hardware & Supply Company. He also owns a block at No. 63 Market Street.

In 1880, Mr. Hunt was married to Mary McGowan, of Akron, and they have seven surviving children, namely: Annie, who married Arthur Wales, residing at Akron; and Mary, James, William, Margaret, Edward and Ellen, all residing at home. Mr. Hunt's business address is No. 35 North Maple Street, Akron.

NELSON W. FENN, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Tallmadge Township, was born October 23, 1847, in Tallmadge Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Treat and Harriet (Bierce) Fenn.

In 1818, Richard Fenn, the grandfather of Nelson W., brought his family from Connecticut and purchased a farm of 200 1-2 acres in Tallmadge Township, now in Summit but then in Portage County. The maternal grandfather, Philo Bierce, was an early settler in Nelson Township, Portage County, coming there also from Connecticut.

Treat Fenn was born in Connecticut and was about fourteen years of age when his parents came to Ohio, and he was reared on the home farm in Tallmadge Township. He was married three times, (first) to Harriet Bierce, who died when Nelson W. was an infant, and (second) to Rachel Fuller Baldwin, who died in 1856. In 1861 he was married (third) to Florilla Wright, who is also deceased. Mr. Fenn died November 24, 1886, aged eighty-two years. Of his eight children, seven were born to his first marriage.

Nelson W. Fenn has resided all his life on the present farm, which is a part of the old homestead purchased by his grandfather. He attended the local schools and has made farming and dairying his main occupations, and keeps from eighteen to twenty cows to carry on the latter industry. He is numbered with the township's substantial and representative citizens.

In 1885, Mr. Fenn was married to Mary Gunsualis, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Irene. They have an adopted son, Oliver Fenn.

In politics Mr. Fenn is identified with the Republican party. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church.

HARVEY THORNTON, a representative agriculturalist who is carrying on farming on a part of the old Thornton homestead, a 100-acre tract of fine land situated in the northeastern corner of Franklin Township, was born in the brick house located just across the channel from his present residence, Summit County, Ohio, March 20, 1876, and is a son of Aaron Thornton.

Samuel Thornton, the grandfather of Harvey, was one of the first settlers of this district, where at one time he owned 800 acres of land, 200 of which is now South Akron. He donated a large amount of land to Akron, including Thornton Street and Pleasant Park. In his latter years he removed from his farm in Franklin Township to Akron, where his death took place. His widow resides at Akron, aged eighty years.

Aaron Thornton, father of Harvey, was born in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, on his father's farm, which he made his home until 1893, when he removed to Akron. His wife, who is a native of Snyder County, Pennsylvania, came to Franklin Township, in girl-

hood, on a visit to her sister. Her father died when she was an infant. Here she met Mr. Thornton, whom she later married. Three children were born to this union: May, who died in childhood; Harvey; and Bessie, who married Russell Robison of Akron.

Harvey Thornton remained on the home farm in Franklin Township until he was sixteen years of age, when he removed with the family to Akron, where he assisted his father in a coal business, until his marriage. He then settled on his present farm, where he has followed farming and threshing ever since, with the exception of a short period, when he engaged in a grocery business at Akron. He has been an active citizen and taken an interest in township affairs. In 1901 he served in the office of road supervisor and at present is a school director. Mr. Thornton and family belong to the Lutheran Church.

On January 5, 1898, Mr. Thornton married Bertha Diehl, and they have three children, namely: Floyd, Fern and Robert. The parents of Mrs. Thornton are William and Eliza (Diehl) Diehl, residents of Barberton. They have the following children: Hattie, who married Charles Swigart, residing in Franklin Township; Edward, who resides at East Liberty; Curtis, who resides at Barberton; Bertha, who is the wife of Harvey Thornton; and Wallace, who lives at Barberton. William Diehl was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Stark County, Ohio. They were prominent residents of Franklin Township for many years, but in 1904 removed to Barberton.

J. V. CLEAVER, M. D., physician and surgeon, of Akron, who probably stands at the head of the medical profession in Summit County, and whose reputation as a surgeon extends all over Ohio, was born June 13, 1858, at East Bethlehem, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of John I. and Pleasant H. (Hill) Cleaver.

The Cleavers have been known in Pennsylvania since 1682, when the German founder of the family settled there. John Cleaver, grandfather of the doctor, was a pioneer of Washington County, Pennsylvania. He reared a large family, some members of which became distinguished. One of his sons, Hiram, became a professor in the medical college at Keokuk, Iowa, and his son, John, a physician. James H., another grandson, also a physician, was elected to the office of mayor of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and a third son, Eli B., served in the Ohio State Legislature.

John I. Cleaver, father of Dr. Cleaver, spent his whole life as an agriculturist and sheep-raiser in Washington County. He married Pleasant Hill, whose ancestors—paternal and maternal—came from Ireland and Scotland respectively, and they had four children, namely: Etta, who died in childhood; J. V. Cleaver, M. D., whose name begins this sketch; Solon H., who died in childhood; and Isaac N., who is in business at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the Archibald Cleaver Company.

After finishing the public school course in Washington County, the subject of this sketch took a course in the Southwest Normal School in the same county. He then spent four years in teaching. During this time he was quietly reading medicine under the direction of Dr. Q. C. Farquhar, and also found time to serve as clerk to the county treasurer. He subsequently entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and had the advantage of receiving the special instruction of Dr. Agnew, who was probably one of the most skilled surgeons of the day. He was graduated from the University as M. D., May 2, 1887. Deciding to locate in Akron, he came here and entered an office with Dr. Thomas McEbright, with whom he remained one year. Since then Dr. Cleaver has practiced alone, and for some years has devoted himself mostly to surgery. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the State Medical Association, the Union Medical Association of the Sixth Councilor District, this state; the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, and the Summit County Medical Society, to all of which he has contributed carefully prepared papers on medical and surgical subjects. Dr. Cleaver's modern-equipped

offices are located in the Quaker Oats Building.

On October 24, 1894, Dr. Cleaver was married at Akron to Mabel Wagoner, who is a daughter of Captain Aaron Wagoner, and they have one child, Josephine. The family home is at No. 605 West Market Street. Politically Dr. Cleaver is a Republican. He has served both as city physician and infirmary physician. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Akron Medical Club.

JOHN T. BRITTAIN, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, where he owns 135 acres of valuable land, was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1823, and is a son of John and Margaret (Albertson) Brittain.

The mother of Mr. Brittain died when he was eight years of age. In 1832 his father came to Summit County, Ohio, and settled on the farm on which his son, John T. Brittain, resides, a property which has been owned by father and son for seventy-five years. At the time John Brittain located in Springfield, not a house had yet been built at Akron, and only a sparse population was scattered over the township. Neither schools nor churches had been established, but Mr. Brittain and his brother soon aroused enough interest to have a schoolhouse erected, this being the first one in Springfield Township. The first house built on the Brittain farm was destroyed by fire, and was replaced by the one which still stands, in which John Brittain died in 1857.

There were eight children born to John and Margaret Brittain, four sons and four daughters, namely: Henry, Zebrith, Jane, Elizabeth, Margaret, John T., Matilda, and a son that died in infancy, in Pennsylvania. All the other members of the family reached maturity. John T. Brittain is the only survivor. John Brittain was married (second) in 1834, to a member of the Gaynor family, which was one of the first to settle in Springfield Township.

John T. Brittain has had possession of his present farm since the death of his father. His life has been mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits and his industry has brought him independence. For some years he operated a blacksmith's shop and for three years was in the fire clay industry, carrying on these industries on his farm. He retains 135 acres of the original farm, having disposed of fifty-six acres some time since.

Mr. Brittain has been married twice (first), to Hannah Rodgers, who was born in Geauga County, Ohio, whose parents were natives of Connecticut. To this union were born four children: Amanda, John G., Sarah and Hannah. The eldest daughter married Wesley Corp, of Northampton, and all of their four children have married. John G., named for both father and grandfather, married Augusta Dennis and they reside in the Sixth Ward, East Akron. During the Civil War he served as a member of the Fourth Ohio Battery. Sarah married Herman Newbower and they have two children. Hannah married Thomas Gilcrist, and they reside at Hartville, where he is engaged in celery growing.

Mr. Brittain was married (second) to Catherine Potts, who died June 22, 1906, aged seventy-four years. She was a daughter of Israel Potts and was a woman of most estimable character, one who was much beloved by all who came within her kindly ministrations. There were six children born to this marriage, as follows: Olive, who married W. S. Rhodes, residing at Kent; Lemuel, who married Carrie Brumbaugh, residing with Mr. Brittain; Alice, who married Charles Kohler, residing in Indiana; Cora, who married Harry Harrington, residing at Twin Lakes; and Edith, who married L. Ewart. Mrs. Ewart is the only one of Mr. Brittain's children who is deceased. His family record is a very remarkable one, as he has thirty grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren and death has invaded the family but once.

Mr. Brittain cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, in 1844, and has supported every candidate of the Republican party since the birth of this organization. He has always taken a deep interest in national affairs and in local good government and has been

ready to do his full duty on every occasion. For about thirty years he served as a member of the township School Board, and for a number of years as township trustee.

THOMAS HALE, one of Springfield Township's substantial men and leading citizens, residing on his well-improved farm of 110 acres, has lived on this place for the past forty-two years and has acquired property at other points, including thirty-five acres near Mogadore and 111 acres in Suffield Township, Portage County.

Thomas Hale was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 22, 1839, and is a son of Austin M. and Samantha (Bellows) Hale. Austin M. Hale was born also in Springfield Township, in 1814, on what was known as the Christ place, and was a son of Thomas and Laura (Moore) Hale. The Hale family is of Welsh extraction, but the first Samuel Hale of whom there is record, settled at Glastonbury, Connecticut, in 1637, sailing from an English port as a resident of Glastonbury. He acquired much land and a part of it has always remained in the Hale family. The old homestead which has been kept for 250 years is the property of J. H. Hale, who also owns great peach orchards in Georgia, and is a man of large capital.

The Samuel Hale who came to the Western Reserve from Groton, Connecticut, was the great-grandfather of Thomas Hale of Springfield Township. He was a member of the Connecticut Land Company and owned as his share, 5,000 acres of land and there are members of the family in the fifth generation, who still possess a portion of this. Great-grandfather Samuel Hale married Abigail Austin, who belonged to the old Austin family of Connecticut, which subsequently established great powder mills at Akron and Cleveland. Samuel and Abigail Hale had four sons and one daughter, the latter of whom became the wife of Martin Kent, who was one of the earliest settlers of Suffield Township, Portage County. The four sons were: Samuel, who married a member of the old Gaylord family; Thomas, who married Laura Moore; Orestes and Josiah, both of whom were accidentally killed.

Thomas Hale, grandfather of Thomas Hale of Springfield Township, lived on what was known as the Kent farm. He died in 1839, aged fifty-six years. He married Laura Moore, who died in 1864, aged seventy-three years. They had one son, Austin M., who died in 1889, aged seventy-four years. He married Samantha Bellows, who was born in Albany County, New York, and came to Ohio with her father, Ephraim Bellows, who was born at Groton, Connecticut. The mother of Mrs. Hale died when she was only eleven days old. The surviving children of Austin M. and Samantha Hale are: Thomas; Laura, who married Henry Stahl, residing at Hudson, have two surviving children, Howard, who is engaged in the banking business at Cleveland; and Mary, who married Frank Huff, residing at Mogadore, has two children. Albert, of the above family, died in October, 1903, aged fifty-eight years. He maried Ella Smith, of Suffield Township, and they had a family of five children. Austin M. Hale was married (second) to Laura Brown, a daughter of one of the early settlers, and they had one daughter, Nellie, who married Rev. D. D. Fennel, a minister of the Disciples Church, and they live on the old homestead in Springfield Township, Summit County, where Samuel Hale, the great-grandfather settled when an old man and where he died in 1809.

In 1827, his son Thomas Hale removed to Springfield Township, Summit County, this being two years after the great wind storm which had swept through Springfield and into Brimfield Township, Portage County. It cut a swath one-quarter of a mile in width, practically destroying miles of valuable timber. Great barricades of logs lay in this path for the following fifty years and Mr. Hale has seen these logs and has also conversed with the venerable Mrs. Sax, who witnessed the havoc made by this unusual demonstration of nature's forces. No one was seriously injured, this being easily explained by the fact that the country was then so sparsely settled,

but many historic events are dated "from the year of the great storm." Mr. Hale has seen one of the great forest trees which escaped destruction, on which his grandfather, Thomas Hale, had carved his name and the date of 1828.

Thomas Hale, of Springfield Township, was reared among pioneer conditions. He attended school sixty-three years ago in a little house in Mogadore, which was subsequently moved to a farm to do duty as a barn, and the old door, which so often opened to admit the bare-footed little boys and girls of his childhood to their more or less unwelcome tasks over book and slate, still swings true on its hinges. In 1847-8 a new schoolhouse was built at Mogadore, and it probably was considered the acme of modern construction and convenience, and Mr. Hale remembers being on hand bright and early on the morning of the first session, in 1848, in order to have a first choice of seat. This schoolhouse still stands.

Mr. Hale assisted his father on the farm and in setting out a large amount of nursery stock. Austin M. Hale took a great deal of interest in growing fruit and for a number of years conducted a business which was considered a satisfactory one at that time, in the line of raising fruit and other trees, under the firm name of A. M. Hale & Sons. When he married he was residing on the farm on which he was born, on the Akron and Mogadore road, but afterward moved to the farm on which, as mentioned above, he has lived for forty-two years. This land was the old Sax farm, Martin Sax, the first settler, having lived here all his life. The residence, which Mr. Hale has remodeled and added to, was built by the son of Mr. Sax. Mr. Hale has continued to make improvements and in 1892 he completed the erection of his substantial barn, which has dimensions of 40 by 60 feet. He retains 110 acres in his home farm, which he devotes mainly to wheat growing, and has sold thirty-two acres to the Granite Clay Company and some land to the Colonial Brick Company. His other land, in Mogadore and in Portage County, is all very valuable.

In 1865, Mr. Hale married Emily Huff, who is a daughter of James and Wilhelmina (Erdley) Huff, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in the southern part of Springfield Township, moving later to the Sax farm, which they purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have two children, Alice and Frederick. The former married Rev. G. T. Norris and they reside at Marlboro and have two sons, Wendell and Paul. Frederick Hale is a mechanical engineer in the employ of the Westinghouse Company and is stationed at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. He received his primary education at Mogadore and then entered the Ohio University and took a course in mechanical engineering, making a specialty of gas engines. He is still a young man but has attained to a fine position with the Westinghouse people. He married Jennie Hartman, of Ashtabula County, and they have had four children: Genevieve, Marguerite, Harriet, and a son, who is deceased. In politics, Thomas Hale was reared a Republican, but in local matters, votes independently. With his wife he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mogadore.

HIRAM C. HENRY, senior member of the firm of Henry & Patterson, dealers in lumber and general contractors, at Akron, with business location at No. 282 Torrey Street, has been engaged in contracting for the past twenty-six years and is generally recognized as one of the ablest and most reliable men in his line, in this city. Mr. Henry was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1848, was reared and educated in his native place and learned the carpenter and mill-wright trade with his father, the late Samuel Henry.

In 1871 he came to Akron and for some eight years worked as a mill-wright, building mills for the Schumackers, and paper mills for other parties, continuing work also as a carpenter, and gradually drifting into contracting, which later became his main interest. It is estimated that Mr. Henry has probably done a larger amount of building here than any other individual contractor. For the past fourteen years he has also been handling lumber, and the firm of Henry & Patter-

son operates a planing mill in connection with their other work. The firm was established in February, 1907. Mr. Henry employs from twelve to twenty men and divides them into three gangs. He gives his personal attention to all his contracts and has been careful to keep up the standard which he established when he first started into business.

In 1873, Mr. Henry was married to Elizabeth Weeks, of Trumbull County. He and his wife have two children: Carrie, who married P. H. Baldwin, of Newark, New Jersey; and Bertha M., who married Arthur Richards, of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Henry is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Akron, and for twenty years has served on its official board.

BENJAMIN HART, a representative citizen of Springfield Township, where he owns a fine, well-improved farm of eighty acres, has been a resident of the village of Mogadore since 1902. Mr. Hart was born June 5, 1832, and is a son of Jesse and Freelove (Ives) Hart.

Mr. Hart belongs to an old and honorable pioneer family of New England stock, his ancestors having been among the first settlers of Springfield Township and among the very early residents of Summit County, coming here a few years after the admission of Ohio as a state.

Jesse Hart, father of Benjamin, was born in Connecticut, in 1773, and died in Summit County, Ohio, July 18, 1868, aged ninety-four years. When twenty-eight years of age he married Esther Warner, in Connecticut, and they had the following children: Worthy, who was born March 12, 1803; Amy, who was born January 29, 1805; Esther, who was born January 15, 1808; Patience, who was born April 10, 1809; and Welcome, who was born February 19, 1811. The mother of these children died March 28, 1811. Jesse Hart was married (second) also in Connecticut to Freelove Ives, September 15, 1811. She was born in Vermont and died in Summit County, Ohio, November 7, 1863. The children of Jesse and Freelove Hart were: Louisa, who was born August 2, 1812, married Homer Root; Jesse, who was born April 27, 1813, married Rachel Richards; Phoebe, who was born September 17, 1816, married Otis Merriman; George, who was born October 22, 1818, married (first) Eliza Nelson, and (second) Mrs. Lizzie (Hile) Bean; Elizabeth, who was born October 18, 1821, married John Hixon; Amos, who was born April 28, 1824, died from an accident, when two years of age; Harriet, who was born August 27, 1826, married (first) William Chapman, and (second) John Smith; Sarah, who was born August 1, 1828, married (first) Joseph Conrad, and (second) Robert Fisher; and Benjamin, who was born June 5, 1832, the youngest of a family of fourteen children.

In 1812, Jesse Hart left Conecticut with his family and made the journey to Summit County, Ohio, in covered wagons, bringing along many household treasures, and probably, as did many other early settlers, his cows and horses. He settled on what became known as the Hart homestead, in Springfield Township, west of Logtown, where the remainder of his life was passed. He found only a small portion of the land cleared, heavy timber covering the balance, and it required years for himself and sons to cut down this timber, blacken and then grub out the stumps and place it all under cultivation. His experience was that of other pioneer settlers, a little easier in his case because he possessed more ample means than many others. His older children, however, were all daughters and years passed before his sons could materially assist in the heavy labor. He first erected a log house of fair dimensions, and in this the family lived and increased for ten years. About 1822, he erected a substantial brick house, in which he lived until he died and which still remains on the farm in habitable condition. In all that went to promote the civilization of this section and to advance the welfare of the community in which he had been an early pioneer, Jesse Hart was a man to be depended upon. He lived to witness wonderful changes in the country to which he had come so early, and on which he left an impress on

account of his sterling character. The Hart connections are found all over this section, almost all of his children having married and left descendants.

Benjamin Hart was born in the brick house above mentioned and resided in it until 1892. His education was obtained in the early district schools near his home and he enjoyed one term's instruction at a private school in Mogadore. He continued to cultivate the patrimonial farm until 1892, when he passed it on to his children and grandchildren and at last the old place was sold, but it is still called the old Hart homestead. In 1892, Mr. Hart moved from the old farm, which contained 150 acres, to a farm of eighty acres, which he purchased of R. L. Ewart, and that farm he occupied and operated until he moved to Mogadore, in 1902.

On November 15, 1855, Benjamin Hart was married to Mary L. Meacham, who is a daughter of Benjamin and Prudence (Force) Meacham. Benjamin Meacham was born in Connecticut, came as an early settler to Summit County, and lived in both Tallmadge and Springfield Townships. The mother of Mrs. Hart died when she was two years old, but her father survived some forty years. The children born to Benjamin and Mary L. Hart were the following: Alice, Clara, Mary L., Sarah L., Wilbur Judd, and Raymond. Alice, who married Clark Woolf, resides in Springfield Township, and they have three children, May, Mahlon and Bessie. Clara, deceased, married Edward Daugherty, and at death, December 12, 1886, left two sons, James Benjamin, who has become a prominent citizen of New Berlin, and Irvin Garfield, who is a successful dentist residing at New Berlin. May L., who married Homer L. Hudson, October 7, 1882, died September 7, 1888, leaving one daughter, Clara Louise; Sarah L., was married August 27, 1885, to Amos K. Douglas and they have four children, Rosamond, Ray Hayes, Ethel and Helen. Wilbur Judd Hart was married June 3, 1890, to Viola Funt, and they have eight children, Jennie, James, Edith, Clara, Gertrude, Irvin (deceased), Elwood, and Florence V. Wilbur Judd Hart is engaged in farming in Tallmadge Township. Raymond Hart, the youngest member of the family, conducts a meat-market at Mogadore. On October 14, 1900, he married Mrs. Maggie (Flick) Kline.

Benjamin Hart has been a life-long Republican and was a strong supporter of the policies of the late Governor Pattison. He has always been a vigorous fighter for the cause of temperance and lives up to his convictions. He has never used intoxicants nor tobacco, and in the vigor of his seventy-five years may be read an excellent and convincing temperance lecture.

Mr. Hart is one of the prominent and substantial men of this part of Summit County, not only on account of his material possessions, but for the sturdy qualities and sterling attributes which have marked the family name. The years have touched him kindly, silvering his hair but leaving his heart young. In the friendly clasp of his hand and the hearty sound of his voice is a cheer that speaks of a well regulated life, a clear past and a hopeful future.

ROSSEAU HESS, proprietor of the Akron Nurseries, which are located on Butler Avenue, North Hill, and include seven and one-half acres, was born in Guilford Township, Medina County, Ohio, July 30, 1865, and is a son of Henry and Charity (Howe) Hess.

When Rosseau Hess was eight years of age, his father, who was a blacksmith by trade, moved to Akron, and the son enjoyed excellent school advantages there. Subsequently, he attended Buchtel College and later engaged for some years in teaching school, beginning in Geauga County. Later he became principal of the schools at Frontenac, Kansas, and from there went to Montana, where he taught school for three years on a government reservation. When Mr. Hess returned to Akron, he became secretary and treasurer of the Akron Soap Company for one year, and for two following years conducted a roofing business under the firm name of Kasch & Hess. When he sold out his inter-

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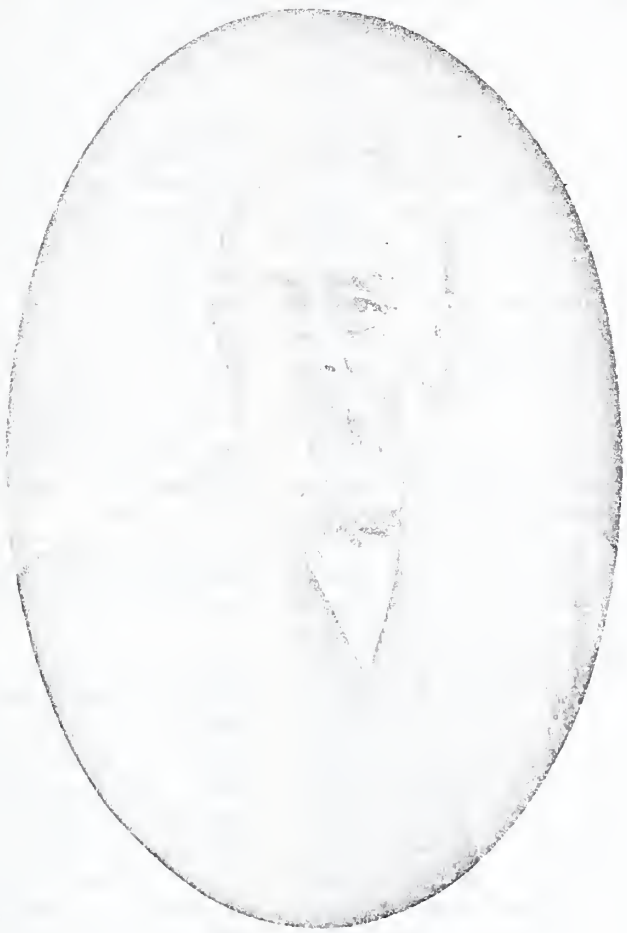

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est in this concern, he embarked in his present line. Mr. Hess makes a specialty of ornamental trees, shrubbery of all kinds and perennial plants. He employs five agents and is doing a large business. His natural bent led him into landscape gardening, and during the eight years in which he has been in the nursery business, he has done a large amount of work in this line, being the only landscape gardener at Akron. He is frequently called to different parts of the county to lay out grounds around country houses.

On May 26, 1892, Mr. Hess was married to Mamie Rockwell, who is a daughter of Dr. J. W. and Elvira (Van Evera) Rockwell. Dr. Rockwell is one of the leading physicians of Akron. Mrs. Rockwell died July 20, 1907. Her father, Reinhardt Van Evera, operated for many years the old stage coach hotel at Copley Center. Later he became proprietor of the old *Exchange Hotel*, at Akron, and, after it burned down, he bought a farm in Tallmadge Township, but later returned to Akron. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Peterson, who is the mother-in-law of Hon. Charles Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess have two children: Hazel R. and J. Ross. Mr. Hess belongs to the Modern Woodmen and the Odd Fellows.

DAVID J. THOMAS, coal dealer, at Cuyahoga Falls, is an honored survivor of the great Civil War, from which he safely emerged after many thrilling adventures and innumerable dangers and hardships. Mr. Thomas was born at Palmyra, Portage County, Ohio, March 14, 1841, and is a son of John and Anna (Rees) Thomas.

John Thomas, his father, was born in Wales, came to America in 1835, and died on the farm which he had cleared from the virgin forest, in Portage County, when aged seventy years. Prior to emigrating he had met with an accident which necessitated the amputation of a leg, and, as typical of his character and showing his physical courage, he calmly watched the surgeon at his work, disdaining to even deaden his senses with the alcohol, which, at that time, was the only merciful help known in surgery. Although disabled, he held his own with men who had more advantages, and in addition to clearing up his pioneer farm and carrying on its cultivation, he worked as a blacksmith and was employed in this line on the old Ohio and Pennsylvania Canal. After coming to America he became interested in politics, and up to the time of the formation of the Republican party, was a strong Whig, later giving active support to the new organization, and for years was one of the two Republicans in his township. He married Anna Rees, who died in 1867, aged seventy-one years, and they had ten children, namely: Sarah, now deceased, who married David Williams; Rees, deceased; Ann, who married Henry Harris, both being now deceased; Margaret, who married Evan Hughes, of Braymer, Missouri; David J., John, deceased; Martha, who married David Jenkins, both of whom are deceased, and three others that died in infancy.

David J. Thomas remained at home assisting in the farming, until he was nineteen years of age. He attended the district school, had one year's instruction in the High School, and then went to Tallmadge, where he worked in the coal mines until 1862. Early in this year, Mr. Thomas enlisted for service in Company C, 115th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which organization he served in the Civil War for three years, lacking a month. This regiment was kept actively engaged and Mr. Thomas took part in all its movements until he was taken prisoner at Lavergne, Tennessee, during General Hood's raid on Nashville. After ten days, with two other members of the regiment, he escaped, and a recital of the way in which this was managed is very interesting.

The weather at this time was very cold and the prisoners were guarded in the Court House at Columbia, Tennessee, in which they huddled around one little fire which was totally inadequate for the space it was supposed to heat. The Union prisoners were sent out to gather the wood to burn and these expeditions gave them the opportunity to learn

the lay of the land and to secure other information necessary in effecting their escape, which was foremost in the minds of all.

Mr. Thomas remembers saying to his fellow prisoners, on the day of capture: "If they get me to Andersonville, they are smarter than I think they are," and to this significant remark Samuel Perry replied: "Davie, I am with you," and they shook hands on it, meaning that each one should watch for an opportunity and follow up any advantage gained. The other comrade, James Cassidy, soon joined in the compact, all three deciding to stand together. While the prisoners were stamping about the room, in this way trying to keep up a circulation, Mr. Thomas and his companions were able to secretly remove the nails from a barricaded door, which happened to be unguarded, and they managed to place their blankets on the floor right by this door, pretending to go to sleep there, but they were never more wide awake. The night guard became drowsy, and Cassidy managed to slip the cap from his gun, in this way preventing his shooting if he awakened while they were getting away. As all preparations had been made to take the prisoners to Andersonville, Mr. Thomas and his comrades felt there was no time to be lost. In the afternoon they had all been given full rations. As Mr. Thomas and his two friends slipped out, he threw his blanket, for which he had swapped his overcoat, over his shoulders, a common practice among the thinly-clad Confederates, and picking up an old musket, which was really entirely useless, he marched his two comrades, apparently prisoners, down the street in front of him. It was a daring venture, the night being one of bright moonlight, but the ruse was never suspected by the many Confederate soldiers whom they passed, and on and on they went, crossing rivers and barely escaping capture on many occasions. Once they came face to face with a Confederate officer, whom they had thought was a Union man, but escaped from him, although fired on a number of times. On another occasion they just got over a fence in time to escape a marching regiment of Confederates. They suffered greatly from the drenching rains and from fording creeks where the water came up to their armpits, the intensely cold weather but adding to their misery. By means of a compass which they had secured through trading an overcoat, they were able to shape their course, traveling by night and secreting themselves by day. On one occasion they overheard one man tell another, unconscious that three half-famished Union soldiers were lying behind the cedar log by the roadside, the good news that the Confederates were retreating from Nashville. Before the conversation ended, a third man joined the others, and the horse he rode came so near Mr. Thomas that the latter thought every moment his brains would be crushed out by his hoofs. Not daring to make a motion, Mr. Thomas thinks that ten or fifteen minutes was about the most perilous of his life. Under such circumstances Mr. Thomas and his comrades managed to make their way to a point three miles back of Lavergne, where they met kind treatment from a Mr. Austin, who hid them for several days, and in the meantime their locality was brought within the Union lines. Ever since the close of the war, these three old veterans have held an annual reunion, and it is a privilege indeed, when one of the younger generation is permitted to hear this story from the lips of the participants. Mr. Thomas is a member of Eddy Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

After the close of his army service, Mr. Thomas returned to Tallmadge, where he lived until the fall of 1867, when he came to Cuyahoga Falls and embarked in the grocery business, in partnership with John I. Jones, under the firm name of Jones and Thomas. Fourteen months later, Mr. Thomas sold his interest and started a pottery opposite his present coal office, where, in partnership with his brother, R. J. Thomas, he engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of stoneware, under the firm name of Thomas Bros. Until the plant was destroyed by fire, several years later, the firm

did a large business. Mr. Thomas then opened up his coal office, which is the oldest coal business in the town, and his yards are favorably located just opposite the wire mill.

Mr. Thomas married Ruth Williams, who is a daughter of William H. Williams. She was born in Wales, where her mother died, and she was five years old when she and a sister were brought to America by her brother-in-law and her sister. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have had seven children, the four to reach maturity being: Ella, who married William Graham, residing at Akron; Elizabeth, who married Dr. L. J. Kehres, residing at Cleveland; Sarah Josephine, deceased, and Tracy David, residing at Massillon. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Congregational Church.

Politically, Mr. Thomas is identified with the Republican party, and he has served some seven years as a member of the School Board at Cuyahoga Falls, and one term in the Town Council. He is one of the directors of the Agricultural Society.

JOHN GIRDEN BRITTAIN, a representative member of one of the honorable old families of Springfield Township, which has been established here for a period of seventy-five years, was born June 16, 1847, in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John Thomas and Hannah (Rodgers) Brittain.

John T. Brittain, residing on his farm of 135 acres, in Springfield Township, was born in Pennsylvania in 1823, and was about seven years of age when he accompanied his father, John Brittain, to Ohio. He has been married twice, and has had ten children, thirty grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren, and in this large family, up to the present writing, there has been but one death, a remarkable proof of vitality. Mr. Brittain has long been regarded as one of the most substantial men of his community.

John G. Brittain was the second eldest and only son born to his father's first marriage, there being three daughters, all of whom survive. His education was obtained in the district schools.

He was only sixteen years of age when he offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company D, First Ohio Regiment, Volunteer Light Artillery, in February, 1864, the officers of which were: Captain Cockrell, First Lieutenant Reid and Second Lieutenant Palmer. After the company was mustered in at Cleveland, it proceeded to Columbus, and thence to Knoxville, Tennessee. It took part in the engagements from Chattanooga to Atlanta, participated in the battles of Resaca and Big Sandy, and at Atlanta assisted in cutting the railroad communication. From that city the regiment returned to Tennessee, where Mr. Brittain was detained for a time by sickness, but rejoined his regiment at Moorehead, North Carolina, and continued to perform his duty as a brave and effective soldier until the expiration of his term of service, and in July, 1865, was mustered out at Cleveland. That was a very strenuous period for a youth of sixteen years, but Mr. Brittain has a record that would do credit to a seasoned veteran.

In 1869 Mr. Brittain was married to Frances A. Demass, who is a daughter of Jacob and Lucy Demass. Jacob Demass was a soldier in the same regiment with Mr. Brittain and he still survives, aged seventy-eight years. Mrs. Brittain was reared in Portage County. Mr. and Mrs. Brittain have the following children: Thomas R., who married Minnie White, has five children; Judson who married Margaret Selser, has three children; Dilla, who maried Clement Chew, has three children; Mead, who married Lizzie Roberts, has four children; and John, who resides at home.

Mr. Brittain owns a comfortable home in one of the allotments of East Akron, in Springfield Township. He is a carpenter by trade. He belongs to Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Akron. In politics, he is a Republican.

ALBERT H. RUCKEL, general farmer, residing on his valuable farm of fifty-one acres, is a well known citizen of Tallmadge Township, where his father settled in 1849.

Albert H. Ruckel was born on the Susquehannah River, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1843, and is a son of George and Hannah (Crivling) Ruckel.

The father of Mr. Ruckel was also born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and resided there until after his marriage, when he and family started to Michigan in one of the great covered wagons of pioneer days. He proposed to buy 640 acres of land at $1.25 per acre, but, after reaching Michigan, he found that climatic conditions were such that it would be difficult to establish there a comfortable home. In six weeks' time the wagon was again on its way in the direction of Medina County, Ohio. Mr. Ruckel settled in Sharon Township, Medina County, and lived there for three years, removing then to Tallmadge Township, Summit County. Here all the five children were reared, namely: Andrew, who died in 1856; Abner, who has resided at Whitehall, Illinois, for the past thirty-five years, engaged with his son in the manufacture of pottery, married Emma Adams of Akron; Clinton, who carries on farming on his property at Fairlawn, west of Akron, married Frances, a daughter of John Hart; Albert H.; and Washington, the latter being the only child born after the family came to Ohio. He married Delia Baldwin and resides with his father-in-law at Akron, and is engaged in the manufacture of sewer pipe. George Ruckel died August 25, 1878, in his sixty-eighth year, having long survived his wife, who died in 1855, aged forty-four years.

Albert Ruckel assisted his father in cultivating his farm of 110 acres, and, after his marriage, he purchased fifty-one acres of the homestead. In addition to learning to be a first-class farmer, Albert H. Ruckel worked for some time at the carpenter trade, and also traveled for a pottery firm after finishing his education in the Sixth Ward School at Akron. However, for the past twenty-eight years he has devoted his attention to cultivating and improving his land. In 1873 he built the comfortable farm residence and as they were needed, has added the other substantial buildings. Mr. Ruckel makes something of a specialty of growing potatoes and he also raises timothy hay.

On August 30, 1873, Mr. Ruckel was married to Mary Greenman, who was born at North East, Erie County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Norton and Elizabeth (Irish) Greenman. Both parents of Mrs. Ruckel were born in Washington County, New York. Her father died March 22, 1901, aged eighty-five years, and the mother died February 10, 1903, at the age of eighty-nine years. The four children of Norton Greenman and wife were: Cynthia, who is the widow of Leonard Cole; Mary, who is Mrs. Ruckel; Job, residing at Bradford, Pennsylvania, married Adell Cole; and Josephine Cole, who is deceased. The family record of Mrs. Ruckel can be traced far back. Her great-grandfather Bassett followed the sea and lived at Martha's Vineyard. He was commander of a coasting vessel that touched many shores in the course of his voyage. The paternal grandfather was Job Greenman, a farmer, and the grandfather on the mother's side was Charles Irish, who was also a farmer. All seem to have been men who left an impress that recalls them to their descendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruckel have two daughters, Nora and Edith. The former is employed in the office of the American Cereal mill. The latter married Harry Feudner, who is the son of the vice-president of the M. O'Neil Dry Goods Company, one of the largest business houses of Summit County. Both daughters of Mr. Ruckel were educated at Akron.

The Democratic party claims Mr. Ruckel as a member, but he is very liberal and broad-minded and usually exercises his right to support those candidates for office, who, in his judgment, will best provide good government and make wise laws.

FRANCIS HANMER WRIGHT, a leading citizen of Tallmadge, was born in Tallmadge Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 7, 1834, and is a son of Francis H. and Clarinda (Fenn) Wright.

In 1810 the grandparents of Francis Han-

mer Wright, Elizur and Rhoda (Hanmer) Wright, came to Summit County. They settled on what was known as the Southwest road, along which Mr. Wright bought a large tract of land. He built here the first frame barn in Tallmadge Township, and this structure was utilized for a time as a place in which to hold religious exercises. He continued to acquire land until he owned a large portion of the western half of the township, including the valuable property known as Coal Hill. He had been a prominent man in both church and public affairs at Canaan, Connecticut, and he continued to be held in high esteem after settling in Summit County. He reared a family of five daughters and four sons, all of whom became more or less noted in their various communities. They were: Philo, Elizur, Francis H., James, Polly, Clarissa, Harriet, Amelia and Lucy. Philo Wright married Sally Owen and they resided in Tallmadge Township, where he practiced medicine for many years. Elizur Wright (2) was a distinguished man. He resided for a time in the city of New York and was the able editor of a strong anti-slavery paper there. He became professor of mathematics at the Western Reserve University, at Hudson, which position he was obliged to resign on account of his radical views against slavery. He then removed to Denham, Massachusetts, and had an office in Boston, where he was an actuary of life insurance, and for several years was Commissioner of Insurance for the state. He died in 1890, aged eighty years, at which time a biographical sketch of his life was produced in *McClure's Magazine*. James Wright became a minister of the Congregational Church. After a pastorate at Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio, he went to California and died there in 1900. Polly Wright married Dr. Daniel Upson, then of Worthington, Ohio, who later came to Tallmadge, and they were the parents of William, Daniel A., James W. and Francis H., the latter of whom died in Cleveland, and left a family of children. Clarissa Wright married a Mr. Burrell, of Elyria, Ohio. Harriet Wright married Rev. John Seward, who became a minister of the Congregational Church, who was stationed at Hudson and at other points. Amelia Wright married Rev. William Hanaford, who entered the Congregational ministry, and after serving pastorates at a number of places, died at Tallmadge.

Francis H. Wright, father of Francis Hanmer, was born at Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, July 16, 1795, and died in Tallmadge, in 1886, aged ninety-one years. He accompanied his parents to Summit County and subsequently inherited a part of the valuable Coal Hill property. In partnership with his brother-in-law, Dr. Daniel Upson, he was engaged for many years in developing coal mines here, shipments being made to Cleveland and Chicago, Mr. Wright accompanying the first load of coal ever shipped to the latter city. He married Clarinda Fenn, who was born in 1802, and died in 1888.

Francis Hanmer Wright was reared in Tallmadge, attended the Tallmadge Academy and spent one year in the Cleveland Agricultural College, leaving when nineteen years of age and teaching school for a year. He then started to farm and subsequently went into a dairy business, which latter industry he continued until the spring of 1897, supplying patrons at Akron for a period of twenty-two years. During the Civil War, when the governor of Ohio called out men to serve for 100 days, Mr. Wright responded and became a member of Company D, 164th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in as first lieutenant. He was mustered out at Cleveland, after assisting in the defense of the forts around Washington city. He is a member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He belongs to the Grange.

Mr. Wright married Harriet Kilbourn, of Akron, who was a daughter of Lewis and Eliza Kilbourn. Mrs. Wright died July 27, 1904, at the age of sixty-six years. They had four children, namely: Winnifred B., who died in 1882, at the age of nineteen years; Elberta, who married E. R. Hine, died in 1900, aged thirty-five years, leaving one son and two daughters, Leland W., Winnifred

and Leora; Francis H., who was born in 1868, married Frances Parmalee, a daughter of Charles P. Parmalee, and has five children, Julia, Geneva, Kathryn, Dorothy and Francis H., resides with his father at Tallmadge; and Ida, who married W. A. Osborn, lives at Akron, Ohio.

CLARENCE M. ZWISLER, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, who is engaged in farming and also follows butchering, is a representative on the maternal side of one of the oldest families in Summit County. He was born in Summit County, Ohio, November 2, 1867, and is a son of John and Irene (Norton) Zwisler.

John Zwisler, father of Clarence M., was born in Wayne County, Ohio, and came to Summit when a young man, where he died in March, 1900, at the age of seventy years. He was a son of Charles and Rebecca Zwisler. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. On January 7, 1864, John Zwisler married Irene Norton, who was a daughter of Lester and Susan (Johnson) Norton.

The earliest records of the Norton family trace to one De Norville, who was a soldier and who accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066. His descendants were early American colonists, coming from Bedfordshire to Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts, to Guilford, Connecticut, and to points in New Hampshire.

Tracing the generations back, it is found that from Richard Norton descended John (1), John (2), Ebenezer, Bethuel, Peter and Lester, the latter being the grandfather of Clarence M. Zwisler.

Ebenezer Norton, son of John, had children: Christiana, Sarah, Freelove, Bethuel, Ebenezer, Isaac and A. Norton.

Bethuel Norton, son of Ebenezer, had these children: Peter, Zenas, Hart, Ashbel, James, Eunice and Sally.

Peter Norton, son of Bethuel, had these children: Anna P., Anderson, Lester, Lois, Thomas and Seth D.

Lester Norton, son of Peter, married Susan Johnson, in 1821, and they had the following children: Lois, Amanda, Perry, Lucinda, Harvey, George, Irene and Susan. The two survivors are Amanda and Mrs. Zwisler. Lester Norton accompanied his father to Ohio and they located first in Trumbull County and then came to Summit, Peter Norton purchasing the Thomas Cook place in Akron, where he died. In 1822, in the year following his marriage, Lester Norton settled on the farm on which his grandson, Clarence M., now resides. In 1832 he built the house and made many improvements during his active years. He died in 1881 at the age of eighty-two years, survived by his widow until 1894, she dying aged ninety-two years and six months.

John Zwisler and wife had two children, Lester N. and Clarence M. The former resides on Newton Street, Akron. He married Alice Hearty.

Clarence M. Zwisler attended the district schools and applied himself to agricultural pursuits. With the exception of a short time passed in Tallmadge Township, he has lived his life on his present farm in Springfield Township. In addition to farming he carries on a lucrative meat business.

Mr. Zwisler married Minnie Rhodes, who is a daughter of Frederick and Louisa (Reprogle) Rhodes. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, and her mother in Stark County. Mr. and Mrs. Zwisler have three interesting children: Esther L., who was born July 22, 1900; Milford, who was born August 4, 1903; and Herbert N., who was born January 7, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Zwisler is an active member of the Democratic party. For seven years he has been a member of the School Board.

JOHN L. CHAPMAN, president of the Tallmadge Township School Board and a prominent citizen of this section, resides on the old homestead farm of eighty-five acres and in the old brick residence which was built seventy-six years ago, all the material for its construction having been produced on the farm, with the exception of the lime. Mr. Chapman was born at Akron, Summit

County, Ohio, January 6, 1859, and is a son of John and Phoebe (Budd) Chapman.

The Chapman family is of English extraction. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Chapman were John and Elizabeth (Burt) Chapman. They came to America with their children and settled at Oswego, New York, where both died. They had the following children: Richard, who lived and died near Bloomfield, New York; Mary, who married John Rowe, lived and died at Oswego, New York; Margaret, who died unmarried, in New York; William, who died at Wilton, Wisconsin, in 1875; Susan, who survived her husband, William Merchant, who disappeared and was supposed to have been killed for a sum of money in his possession; Charles, who died at Oswego, and John. The sons all learned the milling business with their father and they ran the same mill, an old tide-water one, which had been in the possession of the family in Cornwall, England, for generations. As some families were farmers as far back as can be traced, the Chapmans were millers.

John Chapman, father of John L. Chapman, of Tallmadge, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1812, and was nineteen years of age when he left England, and with other members of his family, settled at Oswego, New York. Although little more than a boy in years, he had a good knowledge of his trade and found immediate employment in the flour mills of that place, where he remained until 1832, when he came to Akron. He was a practical mechanic, a natural one, and understood the wheelwright trade and everything concerning not only the operating but the construction of mills and mill machinery. He came to Akron at first to start in operation the old stone mill, which was then being erected, but it had not been completed when he arrived, and he went to Middlebury and worked some time for the firm of McNorton & Noble.

When the stone mill was completed, John Chapman took charge and he made the first flour ever ground in Akron proper, and continued to operate that mill for one year. In 1833 he returned to New York, and for one year operated a mill at Rochester and then came back to Akron, and for a short time resumed work at the stone mill. He was called to different points to superintend the building of mills and many of those scattered over Summit County, which, in their day, were valuable adjuncts to the comfort and convenience of settlers, were either built by him or under his supervision. Mr. Chapman then bought a farm on which he lived for twenty-five years, and in 1872 he purchased the farm on which his widow and son still live.

In 1857 John Chapman married Phoebe Budd, who still survives, and they had six children: John, Nellie, Carrie, Cora, Alva and Charles, the latter two dying in infancy. John Chapman died in April, 1881, after a short illness, from pneumonia. His age was sixty-nine years and ten months. He was a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him.

The Budd family, of which Mrs. Chapman is a member, is an old one of the Empire State. Her grandfather, Underhill Budd, is on record as being a highly respected resident of Ithaca, New York, which city he left to accompany his son, Solomon Budd, to Ohio. He married Rebecca Townsend, and both he and wife died at Akron, Ohio. They had the following children: Debby Ann, who is deceased; John, who died in New York; Solomon, the father of Mrs. Chapman; Phebe, who married William B. Doyle; Hannah, who married Daniel Teeter,- both died at Jonesville, Michigan; Elizabeth, who married Charles Stetson, died at Cleveland, and Erastus, who died at Akron, aged twenty years.

Mrs. Phebe J. Chapman was born at Elmira, New York, June 15, 1838, and is a daughter of Solomon and Emmeline (Jarvis) Budd. The father of Mrs. Chapman was born in New York, July 4, 1813, and died at Akron, Ohio, May 21, 1891. His wife was born in New York, April 16, 1816, and died at Akron, May 1, 1883. He was a manufacturer of shingles, in the days when it was a hand industry. In 1839 he came to Ohio

and lived for one year at Canal Fulton, then returned to the East for a year. In 1842 he came back to Ohio with his wife and they lived at Akron during the remainder of their lives.

The children of Solomon Budd and wife were the following: Phebe J., who became Mrs. Chapman; Mary E., born September 19, 1840, who died in childhood; Townsend C., born December 19, 1842, married Ellen Goodman, of Cleveland, and they reside at Akron; William H., born November 10, 1841, died in childhood; Aurelia A., born January 3, 1846, who is the widow of Jacob Denaple, who died in 1889, and Julia E., born April 18, 1848, who resides at Akron.

John L. Chapman, who bears his father's and grandfather's name, lived in the city of Akron from his birth until 1872, when he removed with his parents to the present farm in Tallmadge Township. He was educated in the public schools of Akron, attended school in Tallmadge Township and spent several terms at Buchtel College, which institution he left in 1878.

Mr. Chapman engaged immediately in farming and has made many improvements on the property. This farm is an old settled one, its first owner having been a pioneer named John Lane, who sold it to Samuel Keller, from whom John Chapman bought. It is good land and is favorably situated. Mr. Chapman raises grain, hay and potatoes and enough stock for his own use. He works along modern lines and meets with satisfactory results.

In June, 1901, Mr. Chapman was married to Emma Blackburn, who is a daughter of William T. and Mary (Hurst) Blackburn, of Berea, Ohio. William T. Blackburn was born at Kent and his wife at Ithaca, New York, and both are deceased, the mother dying in 1900, aged sixty-eight years, and the father in 1904, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have one son, Earl, who was born September 9, 1905.

In political sentiment, Mr. Chapman is a Republican and usually gives his support to candidates of that party, but in local matters occasionally votes for the man he feels is best qualified for the office. He is no seeker for political honors for himself, his tastes lying in a different direction. He is connected with several fraternal organizations, belonging to Elm Grove Lodge, No. 501, Tallmadge, formerly of the Aetolia Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Apollo Lodge, No. 61, Akron, of the Odd Fellows, and to the Pathfinders. In 1904 he was elected a member of the School Board under the new law, for a term of four years, and is its president.

ZIMMERLY BROTHERS, the leading pork packers and dealers in choice meats, in Summit County, with a large retail establishment at Akron and a five-acre packing plant at Kenmore, have built up their business from a small beginning to the command of a market which covers all this section of Ohio. This success is a monument to their business ability, clear foresight and unflagging industry. The firm of Zimmerly Brothers is made up of John, Jacob, Gottlieb and Herman, all experts in the meat business. They were all born in Switzerland, and are sons of Samuel Zimmerly, who died in that land.

John Zimmerly, the eldest member of the firm, was born in 1855 and was fifteen years of age when he came to Summit County. From 1874 until 1878, he lived at Wadsworth, coming to Akron in the latter year. Here he worked for twelve months at the harness business, and for the same length of time at the marble business. From then until 1891 he was in the employ of the Akron Iron Company, and in the year last mentioned became associated with his brothers in the establishing of the meat business which has grown to such large proportions. In 1905 John Zimmerly was married to Mrs. Augustus Reishler. He is a member of the German American club. With his brothers he belongs to the German Reformed Church.

Jacob Zimmerly, of Zimmerly Brothers, wholesale and retail pork packers and meat dealers, was born in 1863, and remained in Switzerland until he had completed his edu-

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cation. After reaching the United States he settled in Akron, and for seventeen years after was employed in the Buckeye Works, in the meanwhile becoming interested with his brothers in the founding of their present business, to which for the past seven years he has devoted his exclusive attention. He belongs to the German Reformed Church, as above intimated, while his social connections include a number of German societies.

In 1904, Herman Zimmerly was married to Emma Brodt. The brothers are interested also in the Depositors Savings Bank and the Akron Brewery Company.

The Zimmerly Brothers' business, started in a small way, as above mentioned, soon required additional buildings, and the brothers accordingly erected a brick structure 20 by 50 feet, two stories in height, at No. 215 West Main Street, Akron. By 1904 the business had further increased to such an extent that the firm found it necessary to erect and equip a three-story brick building, 30 by 62 1-2 feet, at the same time adding a story to their former structure. This firm was the first in Akron to put in a refrigerating machine for the cooling of their meat. They own also five acres of land at Kenmore on which they have a pork-packing plant located, which is finely equipped, being installed with all modern appliances. The main building is of brick, 100 by 40 feet, and there are three refrigerating rooms attached. The thorough sanitary condition of all the surroundings ensures the wholesomeness of the meat, which has an extensive sale all over this section. The firm slaughter 100 hogs a week and manufacture at least 3,000 pounds of Bolougna sausage. Their name is a satisfactory guarantee of the quality and purity of their goods.

EDWIN SEEDHOUSE, president and general manager of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, one of its most important industries, was born at Birmingham, England, April 4, 1864, and is a son of John and Mary (Cox) Seedhouse.

The parents of Mr. Seedhouse came to America in 1868, and settled at Wadsworth, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. He afterward became station agent for the Erie Railroad Company, at Sherman, where he served from 1884 to 1887. Mr. Seedhouse was then shipping clerk for the Akron Iron Company, holding that position for two years and then becoming salesman for the branch of this company, at Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained until 1892. He occupied the same position in New York, for the New York branch, from 1892 until 1893. His return to Akron was in the capacity of contracting agent for the same concern, but in 1897 he severed his relations with the above company, as it had been affected by the prevailing business depression, and went to New York as general eastern manager for the Falls Rivet and Machinery Company, where he continued until 1903. Then returning to Ohio, he became president and general manager of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company, which was organized May 16, 1903. It succeeded the old Falls Rivet and Machinery Company, that had been in existence for thirty years. The business was incorporated by the present board of directors—Edwin Seedhouse, Charles H. Wells and Theophilus King. This concern is one of the largest of its kind in the whole country. One plant is located at Cuyahoga Falls, where it covers four acres, with its own foundry and buildings of two, three and four stories in height, where employment is given 250 men. Power is transmitted from the falls to the other plant, which is located at Kent, where employment is afforded 150 men. The product —rivets and bolts—are sold all over the world. The management of this large industry requires the handling of a large amount of capital and the exercise of rare business capacity. In addition to his interests connected with the above business, Mr. Seedhouse is vice president of the Cuyahoga Falls Savings Bank.

Mr. Seedhouse married Lucy M. Miller, who is a daughter of Jacob H. Miller, of Norton Township, and their one child, Edna A., is deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Seed-

house are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, and he belongs to the Church Council and to the Music Committee, of which he is chairman. The family home of Mr. Seedhouse is a handsome residence situated on North Hill, Akron. He is a member of the Portage Country club. Mr. Seedhouse has been the architect of his own fortune. His parents returned to England when he was seven years of age, and the death of his mother following, he was reared by an uncle, and after maturity practically made his own way in the world.

JOHN W. BRADY, who has resided in Tallmadge Township for many years and has lived on his present place for a half century, was born in Orange County, New York, on the Hudson River, in December, 1831, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Brady.

The father of Mr. Brady was born in the north of Ireland, and the mother was born in Scotland. They were married in America and they had four children: Bennett, James, Elizabeth and John W. About 1850, James Brady went from Albany, New York, to St. Louis, by way of the Erie Canal, the trip consuming six weeks, including visits to Cleveland, Cincinnati and East St. Louis. He remained at the latter point, where he bought 100 acres of land and engaged in gardening. From there he removed to Jonesboro, Illinois, where he bought a half section and made a business of raising peaches for a time, but later sold this land, the timber having been bought by the railroads, and moved then to Hamilton County, Ohio. The wife of James Brady died in Illinois, and he died in Hamilton County, Ohio.

John W. Brady is the only survivor of his parents' family. He came to Akron prior to the Civil War, and worked at his trade of stone-mason until after his marriage in 1862, when he went to Pittsburg, where he was an employe of Andrew Carnegie for a time, and then returned to Akron. He served as a member of Company E, 50th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under General Hayes, and remained in the service until after the battle of Fort Donelson, in which he was severely injured. Owing to the disability thus caused, he was honorably discharged. He returned to Akron and purchased his present place on which he has lived for fifty years.

In 1862, Mr. Brady was married to Ellen O'Neill, who died March 21, 1907. She was a daughter of John O'Neill. They had the following children: John, who died in the far West; Lois, who is deceased; Charles; Grace, who married Ernest Crouse, resides at Massillon; and Bennett and Agnes, both of whom are deceased.

In political sentiment, Mr. Brady is a Republican. Among his many interesting reminiscences of the past, he recalls the time when the C. A. & C. Railroad was the only transportation line that entered Akron.

HIRAM F. KREIGHBAUM, sole owner of the Barberton Artificial Stone Company, and the People's Coal and Feed Company, at Barberton, was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 29, 1850, and is a son of Levi and Nancy (Gayman) Kreighbaum.

The father of Mr. Kreighbaum was also born in Green Township and both paternal and maternal grandparents settled there at an early day, when they came west from Pennsylvania. They were all people of solid character, honest and industrious and their descendants have been noted for the same virtues they possessed. They did much to hasten the development of the agricultural regions in the vicinity of Barberton.

Hiram F. Kreighbaum attended the district school and helped on the home farm until he was fifteen years of age, when he learned the carpenter trade, and it is estimated that during the time he worked at the same he built a larger number of bank barns than any man in the township. They still stand strong and true to line and compass, testifying silently to Mr. Kreighbaum's mechanical skill. He settled on his present home place in 1875 and for a number of years followed contracting. In August, 1905, he purchased the People's Coal and Feed yard, which had

been the property of Mr. McDowell, and has made a success of this business. Since the spring of 1904 he has been manufacturing artificial stone, and he has built up a very large and important industry.

In 1874, Mr. Kreighbaum was married to Ann Louisa Sholley, who was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Emanuel Sholly, who, with his wife, was born in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kreighbaum have four children, namely: John Wesley, residing at Barberton, a contractor and builder; Louis Franklin, residing at Reno, Nevada, a cigarmaker; Amos, residing at Elyria, Ohio; and Harry, who works as a carpenter for his eldest brother. Mr. Kreighbaum's sons are all practical, successful business men. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. S. GREENBAUM, proprietor of the Greenbaum Foreign Exchange Bank and Steamship Agency, and a large real estate dealer, at Barberton, is one of the leading capitalists of the town and one of its enterprising and progressive business men. Mr. Greenbaum was born October 14, 1877, in Austria-Hungary, where his parents still reside.

The story of Mr. Grenbaum's life is one of unusual interest, proving as it does, the intrinsic value of personal effort, for he has climbed from almost penury to affluence entirely through his own efforts and by steps which are everywhere recognized as entirely honorable. The old home in Hungary was a humble one and its resources so scant, that when the lonely boy was able to earn fifty cents a day, in a foreign land, he brought his own expenses down to five cents a day so that he could send the balance to help eke out the small amount his father was able to make by conducting a little store. He was about fourteen years of age when he left home, being the eldest of the family, and came to America, relying on himself to make his way in a country the language of which was even unknown to him. The courage of youth is sometimes sublime.

It was at Pittsburg that Mr. Greenbaum was able to find his first steady employment, but he desired to get farther west and after securing the means, he went to Akron, where he was engaged in the clothing house of Henry Krouse. His education, thus far, had been neglected, but he soon remedied this, attending night school and devoting every spare moment to study. Thus he not only educated himself in literature, but also in law and has practiced in the local courts for some years. While at Akron, his knowledge of different German dialects made him valuable as an interpreter. At present Mr. Greenbaum has command of six languages without including English, namely: Hungarian, German, Slavish, Croatian, Servian and Krainer. He continued to reside at Akron and be connected with clothing interests in that city until 1900, when he came to Barberton, where he is, as above stated, a prominent and influential business man.

Mr. Greenbaum is a very valuable assistant to his fellow-countrymen in their purchases of real estate, giving them legal advice and watching their investments, and there are now more than 200 foreign-born settlers in Summit County, who own their farms and homes through Mr. Greenbaum's agency. Mr. Greenbaum recognized how easy it was for even hard-working people to spend their money carelessly and heedlessly, and it has been his aim to show these how a small investment will result in later independence.

On October 16, 1901, Mr. Greenbaum was married to Minnie Fuerst, who is a daughter of M. W. Fuerst, one of the pioneers of Akron. Mr. Greenbaum is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has served as a member of the Barberton Humane Society, having been one of its organizers. In a contest recently held by the Akron *Beacon-Journal*, the prize of a handsome gold watch was awarded to Mr. Greenbaum, as the most popular man of Barberton.

Mr. Greenbaum resides at No. 616 Sixth Street, Barberton, one of the popular streets of this city.

WALTER C. HOLLINGER, secretary and treasurer of the Hollinger Company, at Barberton, which does a general real estate, investment, loan, collection and insurance business, has his offices at No. 209 North Second Street. Walter C. Hollinger was born May 30, 1865, at Clinton, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of David D. and Mary N. (Housman) Hollinger.

David Hollinger, father of Walter C., resides on the farm on which both he and his father, Jacob Hollinger, were born, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, the latter's father having been a pioneer from Pennsylvania. He took up 640 acres of government land and part of this property is now owned by his son, David D. Hollinger. It was bought for $1.25 an acre, but it would take a large amount of money to purchase it now. The mother of Walter C. Hollinger was also born in Franklin Township, and is a daughter of Jacob Housman, who was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler in Summit County. The three children of David D. Hollinger and wife are: Walter C.; Lloyd Jacob, residing on the home farm; and Charles A., residing on a farm in Franklin Township.

Walter C. Hollinger was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. He was about eighteen years of age when he began to teach school and for ten years spent his winters in teaching and his summers in farming. In January, 1894, he left the educational field to accept an appointment as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Griffin, but returned to teaching after serving in that office for two years, but was subsequently reappointed deputy sheriff and served under Sheriff Frank G. Kelly, for four years. Mr. Hollinger then entered the Guardian Savings Bank at Akron, as bookkeeper, and upon the consolidation of that bank with the Central Savings and Trust Company, he came to Barberton, and when the Hollinger Company was organized he was elected to his present position. This company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, in 1904, with a capital stock of $10,000, its officers being: H. M. Hollinger, of Akron, president; C. A. Brouse, of Akron, vice president, and Walter C. Hollinger, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is made up of the following leading men: Fred J. Steinert, of Akron, H. M. Hollinger, of Akron, Thomas Clemenger, of Akron, Walter C. Hollinger, of Barberton, L. N. Oberlin, of Clinton, Ohio, and C. A. Brouse, of Akron. The company's books were open for business on September 14, 1904.

On July 11, 1907, Mr. Hollinger was united in marriage with Cora E. Grove, a native of Franklin Township, Summit County. Mrs. Hollinger taught school in Summit County for a period of fourteen years, seven of which was in the public schools of Barberton. Mr. Hollinger has many pleasant social connections at Barberton, and he is fraternally associated with the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM H. LAHR, one of Norton Township's prominent citizens, and the owner and operator of ninety-three acres of excellent farming land, situated on the Wadsworth road, about one-quarter of a mile west of Norton Centre, was born April 16, 1850, on his present farm in Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Mary Margaret (Miller) Lahr.

John Lahr, who was a son of John Lahr, Sr., was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and came to Norton Township in 1845 when a young man of twenty-three years. After his marriage for four years he resided at Norton Centre and then removed to the present farm of William H. Lahr, where his death occurred January 21, 1897. In 1846 John Lahr was married to Mary Margaret Miller, who was born October 19, 1825, in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of John and Susan (Bauer) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had come to Summit County, Ohio, in 1853, with a party of fifty people, but eight of whom are now living, and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Miller, Mrs. Lahr's brother. Mrs. Lahr still survives, and makes her home with her son, and although having reached ad-

vanced years, her memory is excellent and she is well preserved both in body and mind. She has been a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Loyal Oak ever since its establishment, her father having assisted in the erection of the church building. To Mr. and Mrs. John Lahr there were born three children: Lucinda Elizabeth, who married Daniel Everhard, died in 1874; and Jonas Franklin and William H., twins, the former of whom died at the age of two years.

William H. Lahr was educated in the schools of his native section and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he has carried on all of his mature life. Since 1904, he has lived more or less retired from the active duties of the farm, but he still takes an earnest interest in its improvement. In addition to two fine residences, there is a substantial barn on this property, which was built by Mr. Lahr in 1868.

On December 1, 1870, Mr. Lahr was married to Sarah J. Lereh, who is a daughter of Peter Lereh, and to this union there were born two children: Charles H., and Aletta Pearl. Charles H. is a graduate of the Hammel Business College, at Akron, and is auditor of the Northern Ohio Traction Company. He married Lizzie Sieger. Aletta Pearl is the wife of Carman Myers, and they have one child, William A.

DANIEL O'MARR, general contractor, and one of the best-known citizens of Akron, has been a resident of this city since 1881 and has been closely identified with its material upbuilding. He was born at Cleveland, in 1849, but was reared at Independence, Ohio, where he learned the brick- and stone-mason's trade.

Mr. O'Marr has been interested in the stone business all his active life, with the exception of his school days and the period up to seventeen years when he worked on a farm, and even during that time he did some work in the stone quarries. Later he acquired an interest in the stone quarries at Independence and Clinton, Ohio, and opened up several quarries of his own, continuing in the quarry business for about fifteen years, at those points. He came to Akron, in 1881, and was engaged as foreman of the repair work in the stone construction of the Ohio Canal from Cleveland to Clinton, for three years, and since closing that contract has been occupied with general contracting. His substantial work may be seen in all parts of the city, his first structure being the big cereal mill on Howard Street, following which he built the foundation of the High School Building, and then erected the Baker-McMillan Building, the National City Bank Building, the Gas Works of the Sixth Ward, a part of the Buckeye Works, a part of Adamson's foundry, five buildings for the Goodrich plant, and many others. For the past seventeen years he has also been engaged in street paving and has put down many miles of it in Akron. He estimates his present contracts as worth $30,000. He has always been and still continues to be one of the busiest of busy men and has built up a reputation for thorough work and prompt service second to no contractor in this section.

Mr. O'Marr was first married in 1873, to Mary Conners, who died in the fall of 1882. The four children of that marriage were: Jessie, deceased; Minnie, who married a Mr. Connelly, residing at Chicago, Illinois; Maud, who married Jesse Jackson, residing at Buffalo, New York; and William, a resident of Olio, New York. Mr. O'Marr married, second, Kate Glennon, and they have three children: John, Paul and Elinor. With his family, Mr. O'Marr belongs to St. Vincent's Catholic Church. He takes a good citizen's interest in politics and was appointed sanitary officer, but found the press of private business too heavy and he resigned the office.

JONAS BAUER, general farmer and successful grower of small fruit, who resides on his fertile farm of fifty-five acres, which adjoins the Medina County line on the west, has been a resident of Norton Township since 1882. He was born in a section that has sent many excellent citizens to Summit

County, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Marsh) Bauer.

Jonas Bauer was reared on his father's farm and remained in Pennsylvania for ten years succeeding his marriage, when he came to Summit County and rented farms in Norton Township until 1895, when he purchased his present place.

Mr. Bauer was married in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, to Amanda Oplinger, who is a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Rapt) Oplinger. She was reared near Mr. Bauer's former home. To this marriage four children have been born, three sons and one daughter, namely: Owen, who is employed at Akron; Marcus, residing at Lafayette, Indiana, who married Grace Bryan; Oliver; and Minnie, who married Earl Harter.

With his family, Mr. Bauer belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Loyal Oak, of which he is a trustee.

J. A. GEHRES, surveyor of Summit County, has been identified with this branch of the public service since 1884. He was born at Marshallville, Wayne County, Ohio, October 2, 1851. After completing his education, he taught school at Marshallville up to 1882. During 1882-83 he was enrolled as a student at the O. S. U. College of Columbus, Ohio. He entered the surveyor's office as deputy, in 1884. From 1892 until 1893, Mr. Gehres was engaged for the State in surveying the State rivers and canals, and for two years was engaged in platting for the city. With the exception of these periods of special work, he has been occupied for the past eleven years as county surveyor. He was trained to the work in the Ohio State University, and with his public contract and extensive outside demands, has his time very fully occupied. In addition to his engineering and surveying he is interested in a number of the successful business enterprises of Akron, being a stockholder in several and one of the officials in the German-American Building and Loan Association. In 1888 Mr. Gehres was married to Jennie M. Hartong. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Ohio Engineering Society, the Elks, and the Liebertaufal, and to the German-American club.

HARVEY A. SPARHAWK, whose sterling qualities and useful life made him a leading citizen of Tallmadge Township, was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 25, 1844, and died in 1896, on the farm of 138 26-100 acres, in Tallmadge Township, on which he had lived from the age of fourteen years. His parents were Henry G. and Lucy (Baker) Sparhawk.

The Sparhawk family is of New England origin and was established in Ohio by the father of Harvey A. Sparhawk, who brought his family from Vermont. Henry G. Sparhawk came to Norton Township on horseback, his possessions consisting of his saddle bags and an ax. He took up land in Norton Township which he cleared and developed and which is now known as the Jacob Bowers farm. He married Lucy Baker and of their large family five reached maturity, namely: Lucy, who married Rev. Henry Brown, residing at East Ninety-eight Street, Cleveland; Harvey A., who is deceased; Hattie, twin of Harvey A., who married Rev. Newton Brown, residing at Elliott, Maine; Melanchthon, who married Phebe Beebe, residing at Columbus, Nebraska; and Martha, unmarried, residing at Columbus, Nebraska. Henry G. Sparhawk acquired the present home farm in Tallmadge Township about fifty years ago, and he died on it in 1870, at the age of sixty years. His widow died at Oberlin, Ohio.

Harvey A. Sparhawk received his education in the public schools and subsequently attended school at Adrian, Michigan. He was fourteen years old when his father settled on the present family estate, and he continued to reside on it, managing and improving it, until the time of his death. He was a man of high character and was regarded with respect and esteem by his fellow-citizens. He belonged to Apollo Lodge, No. 51, Odd Fellows, at East Akron, and to Tallmadge Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and was also a member of Tall-

madge Grange. For many years he was a leading member of the Congregational Church.

In 1870 Harvey A. Sparhawk was married to Emma Wolf, who is a daughter of Aaron and Catherine Wolf. Mrs. Sparhawk was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied her parents, when they moved first, to Maryland, and later to Tallmadge, Summit County. They had the following children: Arthur, William, Frank O., Mary Arvilla, Howard H., Ira, Ebner, and an infant, the two last named being deceased.

Arthur Sparhawk was born April 1, 1872. He attended the schools of Tallmadge Township and later took a course in Hammel's Business College, and still later spent a short time at Buchtel College. He is successfully engaged in farming. William Sparhawk was born February 20, 1874, and from the public schools entered the Ohio State University at Columbus, and is now a resident of Cleveland, where he is employed as a meat inspector for the Government. He married Lulu Arbogast and they have three children: Theoron, Mildred and Evaline. Frank O. Sparhawk was born February 27, 1876. He first attended the public schools of Tallmadge Township and then took a course in Forestry, at the University of Colorado, and is in the employe of the Government as forest ranger and owns a section of land at Rongis, Wyoming. Mary Arvilla Sparhawk was born May 29, 1880, and married Herman T. Schlegle, of East Akron, who is the general manager of the Akron Fertilizer Company. They have one child, Harold Howard. Dr. Howard H. Sparhawk was born March 19, 1885, in the old family home in Tallmadge Township and attended first the local schools and later the public schools of Akron. He then entered the Ohio State University and was graduated in the class of 1907, in the department of veterinary medicine. Ira Sparhawk was born July 24, 1886, was educated in the public schools of Tallmadge Township and later the common and High School at Akron. The mother of this family resides on the homestead. She is a valued member of the Congregational Church, and a lady who is highly esteemed for her many womanly qualities. The whole family ranks very high among the representative people of Tallmadge Township.

ROSWELL HOPKINS, residing on his valuable farm of 100 acres, which is situated in Bath Township, owns a second farm of 156 acres, in the same township, and in addition to farming, has been interested in the lumber business since boyhood. Mr. Hopkins was born in the house in which he resides, Summit County, Ohio, in 1872, and is a son of Roswell and Emily (Briggs) (Case) Hopkins.

The grandparents of Mr. Hopkins, Isaac and Susannah (Harrison) Hopkins, were natives of Connecticut, from whence they moved to the State of New York, and removed from there to Summit County, Ohio, locating in Bath Township, September 10, 1814, where the grandfather later bought a farm on which they lived the rest of their lives. Roswell Hopkins, Sr., was born in Bath Township, and resided here until his death. In 1860 he went into the lumber business, in partnership with William Barker, and they operated a sawmill and bending works. Mr. Hopkins sold his interest at a later date and commenced to operate the sawmill near Ghent, which his son still conducts, this old mill having been in use over seventy-five years. He married Mrs. Emily (Briggs) Case, who is also deceased.

Roswell Hopkins, son of Roswell, was reared on the home property, and ever since leaving school he has been engaged in the lumber business. In 1905 he bought the planing mill and lumber interests of former Sheriff Barker, and moved the mill to its present location on his own land, one mile west of Ghent. Here he has large lumber yards and does a great amount of business.

Mr. Hopkins married Ossie Pierson and they have seven children, namely: Cecil, Ruth, Helen, Anna, Paul, Juanita, and Howard. Mr. Hopkins is one of the leading citizens of his community and is interested in

all that pertains to its welfare. He is a member of the township Board of Education. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Maccabees.

LEVI ALLEN, formerly for many years a well-known and highly respected citizen of Akron, and a worthy representative of several of the old and honored families, not only of this section of Ohio, but also of New England, was born February 10, 1799, in Tompkins County, New York, and was a son of Jesse and Catherine (Fiethrick) Allen.

Jesse Allen, father of Levi, was born at Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut, in 1770. He was still in young manhood when he went to Tompkins County, New York, where he was married, in 1797, to Catherine Fiethrick, who was born at Trenton, New Jersey, in 1776, of Holland ancestry. Jesse Allen followed farming and shoemaking until July, 1811, when he came to Ohio, traveling in a covered wagon and bringing along cattle and sheep with which to stock the new farm in the wilderness. He bought land in Coventry Township, Summit County, and here developed a valuable farm on which he died September 12, 1837. He served in the War of 1812 under Maj. Miner Spicer. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and in the early days, when the visits of the pioneer preachers were necessarily few and far between, he opened his log house to his neighbors and kept religious feeling alive. His ten children were: Jonah, deceased, whose wife was Cynthia Spicer; Levi; David, who married Beulah Jones; Jacob, who married Catherine Van Sickle; John; Jesse; Catherine, who married Mills Thompson; Sarah, who married James M. Hale; Hiram; and Christiana, who married Charles Caldwell.

Levi Allen was just twelve years old when his parents and other relatives came to Summit County, Ohio, and in the exodus from the Eastern home it fell to his lot to drive cattle and sheep over the long route. Until his majority he remained assisting his father, but when his own marriage took place or was in contemplation, he purchased land of his own in Coventry Township, on which he resided until 1868, when he retired to Akron, where the rest of his life was passed, his death occurring May 11, 1887.

On December 10, 1823, Levi Allen was married to Phebe Spicer, who was a daughter of Major Miner and Cynthia (Allyn) Spicer, and who died January 10, 1879. Major Miner Spicer was born May 29, 1776, and in 1798 married Cynthia Allyn, who died September 10, 1828. In the following year he was married (second) to Mrs. Hannah (Allyn) Williams, a sister of his first wife and the widow of Barnabas Williams. Major Spicer served as a commander of militia during the War of 1812. He came to Summit County prospecting, in 1810, bought 260 acres of land in Portage Township and established his family on it in 1811. He was a prominent man in all the affairs of Portage Township, and died September 11, 1855.

The mother of Mrs. Levi Allen was a daughter of Ephraim and Temperance (Morgan) Allyn, the latter of whom was a daughter of Captain William and Temperance (Avery) Morgan. These are old New England families of Welsh extraction. Captain William Morgan was a son of William and Mary (Avery) Morgan, the former of whom was a son of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Morgan, the latter of whom was a daughter of Lieutenant Governor Jones, who was governor of the New Haven Colony. The Morgans, also of Wales, were Puritans and from this same family came Edward D. Morgan, who became governor of the State of New York. Temperance Avery, wife of Captain William Morgan, was a daughter of Colonel Christopher and Prudence (Payson) Avery, and a granddaughter of James and Deborah (Stellyon) Avery. Captain William Morgan served under Colonel Parsons during several years of the Revolutionary War.

Levi Allen and wife had six children, as follows: Levi, Miner S., Albert, Miner J., Walter S. and Cynthia.

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GEORGE PAUL

GEORGE PAUL, for many years a prominent citizen of Cuyahoga Falls, and probably the most able civil engineer who ever claimed this section as his home, was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, September 8, 1837, and died January 9, 1900. His parents were Hosea and Ellen (Gamber) Paul. He was educated in the common and High schools of his native place, and in 1857 began to learn the machinist's trade. With him this natural leaning developed into something very nearly approaching genius. Going east he worked at his trade in early manhood at Boston and at Brooklyn, New York, in the meantime devoting his evenings and leisure time to the study of civil engineering, under a private tutor. When the Civil War broke out he was working as a machinist at Wilmington, Delaware, and in 1862 he enlisted in the Federal navy, as an engineer. For three years he served in the South Atlantic squadron under Admiral Dupont, and was attached to the "Nahant," the "Sonama," and to other monitors. At the close of the war he came back to Cuyahoga Falls, and in 1867 purchased a small shop, which, however, he carried on but a short time, his subsequent work being all in the line of civil engineering. In 1871 he went to Waterloo, Iowa, where he designed the magnificent bridge across the Cedar River, which is 600 feet long and one of the largest in the country. Long before this he planned the first steam canal boat that plied on the Ohio Canal. After the filling of his contract for the above mentioned bridge, Mr. Paul had many professional calls in Iowa, and did the surveying for a projected narrow-guage railroad running north from Waterloo. Later he was engaged in laying the grade of a road projected from Marion, Ohio, to Chicago, but this work was stopped on account of the panic of 1873. At this time Mr. Paul was residing at Kenton, Ohio, from which city he again returned to Cuyahoga Falls, where for many years he was engaged in the practice of his profession, frequently being identified with notable feats of engineering. At the time of his death, January 9, 1900, he had full charge of the work of constructing the Akron, Bedford and Cleveland Railroad. He died just as he would have wished, still with full mental powers, and at the head of a work of great importance. His death left a void in his profession at it did in the family and social circles. For six years he had been a member of the State Board of Public Works, and one of its most valued advisors.

On May 18, 1871, Mr. Paul was married to Olive A. Babcock, a member of an old Colonial family. She was born at Cuyahoga Falls May 21, 1842, and is a daughter of Austin and Eliza (Taylor) Babcock, and a granddaughter of Chester Babcock, who was born June 9, 1781, and who lived and died at Tolland, Connecticut.

Austin Babcock was born at Tolland, Connecticut, October 28, 1810, and died in 1876. He married Eliza Taylor, who was born at Lee, Massachusetts, December 28, 1809, and who died in September, 1890. They had two children, Erskine L., residing at Springfield, Ohio, at time of his death, in June, 1907, and Olive A., who is the widow of George Paul. Both parents were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In boyhood, Austin Babcock learned the trades of paper making and mill construction. He came to Cuyahoga Falls in 1835, and was employed in the paper mill at this place for a number of years. In 1850 he made a trip to California, mainly for the benefit of his health, and came back three years later much improved. Subsequently he became a member of the firm of J. M. Smith & Company, paper manufacturers, the firm later becoming Harrison, Hanford & Company. On this company's mills being burned he assisted in rebuilding them. At a still later date he and his son, Erskine, started into business as builders, and in connection with their building operations, they conducted a planing mill. In the course of time he, with his son and several other business men, converted the planing mill into a rivet factory, and this was the first firm to manufacture rivets here. The old building is still utilized as

a part of the present plant at Cuyahoga Falls. This was Mr. Babcock's last business connection, and he was associated with these works at the time of his death. In early life he was a Whig, but later became identified with the Republicans.

Politically, Mr. Paul was a Republican, taking the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. He always enjoyed his connection with Eddy Post, No. 137, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was past commander. Mrs. Paul prizes very highly a number of historic relics which Mr. Paul gathered while in the service of his country and not the least of these is a quaint little ginger jar that was picked up at Fort Sumter on the day after it was evacuated. Mr. Paul was a member of Star Lodge, No. 187, F. & A. M., Cuyahoga Falls. Mrs. Paul is a member of the Congregational Church of this city, of which Mr. Paul was an attendant. He was a man of great mental equipment, broad-minded in his views, and charitable in thought, word and action.

H. G. MOON, one of Akron's retired capitalists and leading citizens, was born November 12, 1830, in Oswego County, New York, and is a son of Silas and Mary (Russell) Moon. His parents came to Northampton Township, Summit County, about 1831, crossing the lakes and traveling by way of the canal to Old Portage. Their last years were spent with their eldest son, William Moon, in Wisconsin.

Circumstances in Mr. Moon's family in his boyhood made it necessary for each member to contribute to his own support, and the first effort of the subject of this sketch in this direction was working as a chore boy. He learned the carpenter's trade and in following this, visited many different points, but for years his industrial activities found their scope in Akron.

Mr. Moon was married, first, July 16, 1853, to Fanny Cochran, who died in 1886, leaving two children, Mary E. and Alfred H. Mary E. was married (first) to Charles Pettit, and some years after his death became the wife of William Hammond. Alfred H. resides in Portage County and is engaged in farming. Mr. Moon was married, second, June 15, 1888, to Eveline W. Mallison, who was born and reared at Akron. She is a daughter of the late Albert G. Mallison, once one of Akron's most prominent men. He came to Summit County as a civil engineer, in 1822, and did the greater part of the surveying and platting of a large part of that section of Akron which is now most closely built, notably Market and Howard Streets. The family has been one of much prominence in the city's social life. Since retiring from business, Mr. Moon has taken much pleasure in travel and for four winters he and wife have enjoyed the genial climate of California.

DANIEL VOGT, an honorable, upright citizen of Tallmadge Township, who is successfully engaged in mixed farming on his valuable land consisting of eighty-one fertile acres, was born in Rheinish Bavaria, Germany, August 8, 1836. His parents were John and Margaret (Selzer) Vogt.

The grandparents of Mr. Vogt were Daniel and Christiana (Hass) Vogt, and their whole lives were passed in Germany. The grandfather was a man of some consequence, being postmaster of his native town for many years. He had two sons and three daughters. The Vogts came originally from Holland, probably Daniel and his four brothers, and settled in the town of Freinsheim, in the province of Rhine Phals, Germany, where they became soldiers in the army, one of them being formerly a guard to the king of Holland. He was embroiled in some trouble with another guard, which caused his leaving his native land, and he subsequently entered the English army. One of the other brothers entered the Prussian army, where he was given charge of the commissary department and was killed while on duty. A third brother was an expert swordsman and was a teacher of fencing.

The maternal grandfather of Daniel Vogt was George Selzer, who died at the age of eighty-five years, living in the old home

which belonged to the family for generations, at Freinsheim. He married a lady named More. The Selzer children were: Franz, George and Peter, sons; and the daughters were: Catherine, who married Jacob Baker, lived and died in Germany; Mrs. Barth; Mrs. Heppihe, who came to America and in 1846 lived in Philadelphia; and Margaret, who became the mother of Daniel Vogt. The sons of Franz Selzer were bringing their parents to America, when he died on board the vessel and his widow died later at Cleveland.

Both parents of Daniel Vogt were born in Bavaria, Germany. They left their native land and came to North Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 28, 1852, where they purchased twenty acres of land of Robert and John Gilchrist, and they resided on this until death. The father lies buried in Springfield Township and the mother at Akron. To John and Margaret Vogt were born four sons and one daughter, all natives of Germany, as follows: Daniel; Henry, who has had charge of the city parks of Akron for the past twenty-five years, married Lovina Walters, of Clinton, Ohio: Christina, who married John Hebert, a carriage manufacturer of Akron; George, who was a victim of consumption, was a brave soldier during the Civil War, later an employe of the Collins & Fell carriage factory at Akron, married Miss Cushman and left a son, Irvin, who has served as a member of the city council of Akron; and Christian, who is a retired citizen of South Akron was formerly interested in carriage manufacturing. He married Mary McDonald.

Daniel Vogt was sixteen years of age when his parents came to America and he continued to reside in Springfield Township until he enlisted, in 1864, for service in the Civil War. Prior to this he had joined a company of military called the Home Guards, and in 1864 the Governor of Ohio called the men out for a service of 100 days. The mustering in was done at Cleveland, and the full quota of the 164th Regiment was filled out with a Tiffin company, after which the regiment was sent to Fort Cochran, later to Fort Woodbury, and when the term of service was over, returned to Cleveland to be mustered out.

After his return from the army, Mr. Vogt resumed his business of weighing coal, on the farm which he now owns. The coal mine was the property of Dr. Amos Wright and James Chamberlin, and he was coal weigher here for fifteen years. In 1864 he purchased forty acres of his land from Mr. Chamberlin, thirty-five acres from Park Alexander at a later period, and now owns a total of eighty-one acres. He is justly proud of the fact that he has earned all he has through his own efforts, never having inherited a dollar from any one. He has made about all the improvements on his property, taking a great interest in its condition and appearance. In the spring of 1886 he built a fine modern residence containing nine rooms with slate roof, double siding and all of first-class material. It cost him $3,000, and could not be replaced now for $4,000. Its furnishings are tasteful and comfortable and it stands as one of the most attractive and desirable homes of the township.

In 1860 Mr. Vogt was married to Mary Hebert, who is a daughter of John and Catherine (Kinne) Hebert, both of whom were born in Germany. The father was a blacksmith by trade. In 1856 he came to America and located first in Coventry Township and then moved to Massillon, where he bought a flour mill, and both he and wife lived there until death, John Hebert dying in 1868, aged sixty-five years and his widow at the age of eighty-five.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogt have had six children: William H., who was born in March, 1861, has been married twice, first to Metta Fenn, daughter of F. F. and Julia (Treat) Fenn. They had one son, Lewis, who married Lois Johnson, daughter of Park Johnson, and they have one son, Mr. Vogt's great-grandson. Charles Vogt, the second son, married (first) Alice Honiwell, who died without issue. He married (second) Mrs. Duncan. He is a traveling salesman for the Standard Varnish Company and is manager of the business at Toronto, Canada. Edward Vogt, the third son,

is a carpenter by trade. He married Elizabeth Selzer, who is a daughter of Lewis Selzer, and they have one son, Clarence. Their home is at Cleveland. Ella, Mr. Vogt's eldest daughter, married Frank Bear, of the lumber firm of Bear & Collier of Canal Dover. Louisa, the second daughter, married Frederick Ellet, and they have two children, Earl and Maud. Clara, the third daughter of Mr. Vogt, married William Kenwood, a builder and contractor of Columbus.

Mr. Vogt was reared in the Protestant Reformed Church of Germany and all of his brothers are members of the German Reformed Church at the present time. Mr. Vogt, however, united with the Presbyterian Church and is one of the liberal supporters of the same at Tallmadge. He belongs to Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Akron, and enjoys talking over old times and joining in the various reunions of the veterans of the Civil War. In politics he has been identified with the Democratic party ever since he reached maturity and invariably supports its candidates. He is no seeker for political honors but takes a good citizen's interest in the election of responsible men who will carry out the laws of the land. Personally, Mr. Vogt is held in high esteem by those who have known him for many years.

L. C. KOPLIN, who is superintendent of the factory department of The Thomas Phillips Company, manufacturers of bags, has been identified with this firm since he was seventeen years of age, working up from a humble position to one of importance. He was born April 11, 1869, in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, a member of an old family of that region. His father, Joel C. Koplin, now a resident of Akron, was also born in the old Koplin homestead in Norton Township.

L. C. Koplin completed his education in the schools of Norton Township and then entered the employ of the concern with which he has been since connected, his industry and fidelity to the interests of his employers having been rewarded with promotion. For the past two years, Mr. Koplin has been general superintendent of the bag factory, a position for which he is well fitted on account of his executive ability and his understanding of every detail connected with the satisfactory production of the firm's output. Mr. Koplin has also other business interests. In 1890 he was married to Carrie M. Moore, of Akron. He is a member of Grace Reformed Church.

For a number of years Mr. Koplin has been a prominent factor in Democratic politics, belonging to the Democratic State Executive Committee, and the County Board of Elections, and taking a very active part in all political campaigns. He has served on the City Board of Health, and on various civic committees of a public-spirited nature. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, in which order he is far advanced.

MILO CAHOW, a prominent citizen of Norton Township, formerly president of the township School Board, was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 8, 1842, and is a son of Robert and Maria Eva (Smith) Cahow.

Robert Cahow was born in Maryland and his wife in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Milo Cahow was Basil Cahow, who was a very early settler in Coventry Township, where he died, leaving a farm of fifty acres, which was purchased from the other heirs by Robert Cahow. When the latter died, Milo Cahow bought the old place, and after living on it a number of years, he moved to Barberton, buying a farm in that neighborhood, on which he lived for three years. This land he sold to the syndicate of which O. C. Barber is president and the plant of the American Sewer Pipe Company is located there. Subsequently, Mr. Cahow bought his present farm of 142 acres, which he devotes to general agriculture.

Mr. Cahow was married (first) to Amanda Dreisbach, who, at death, left one child, Harvey A., who follows the carpenter trade at Akron. Mr. Cahow was married (second) to Clarissa Dreisbach, a half-sister of his first wife and they have five children, namely:

Irvin, who is superintendent of the work of construction of the big steel plant in the course of building for the Diamond Rubber Company at Akron; Elva May, who married William Knecht, resides with Mr. Cahow; Clarence Elton, residing at Akron; and Joyce Marie and Dorothy Mildred, both residing at home.

Politically, Mr. Cahow is a Democrat. He served one term as township trustee and for ten years served continuously on the School Board, during three years of this time being president of this body. Mr. Cahow resigned from this board April 4, 1907.

BERT L. SHAW, of the firm of Shaw Brothers, proprietors of the Pebble Rock stone quarries, which are situated on the old George Shaw farm, in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, has resided at Johnson Center since his birth, April 8, 1878. He is a son of George and Haretta (Douglas) Shaw, and a grandson of Joshua T. Shaw.

Joshua T. Shaw was born in New York and came to Ohio from there in 1800, settling in Medina County, where his son George was born, April 13, 1835. When seven years of age, the family settled at Johnson's Corners. George Shaw married Haretta Douglas, who still survives. During the Civil War, Mr. Shaw enlisted for service and was detailed as a musician, being the leader of a brigade band for three years. He returned and engaged in farming in Norton Township, where he died on the old homestead, June 20, 1902.

Bert Shaw, who, with his brother Arthur R., is interested in the Pebble Rock stone quarries, is well known as a citizen and business man, and has few equals as a musician in this section. His reputation in the musical field is more than local. He is the leader of the Johnson Military Band of Johnson's Corners, which consists of an organization of twenty-five pieces. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Eighth Regiment Band, Ohio National Guards, and was in service almost a year during the Spanish-American War. In addition to his quarry interests, he owns a one-half interest in 300 acres of land, and a beautiful residence property.

Mr. Shaw was married, August 15, 1903, to Anna Marie Christopher, of Ada, Hardin County, Ohio. Mrs. Shaw was a resident of that place for seventeen years and graduated from the High School in 1898. She was also a student at the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio.

WILLIAM WINDSOR, JR., president and general manager of the Windsor Brick Company, was born in 1860, in the pottery district of Staffordshire, England, and is a son of William Windsor, who is now a retired resident of Akron.

William Windsor, Jr., was twenty years of age when he came to America, well equipped as to education, and trained in the brick-laying trade. After coming to Akron he joined his brother John, who had reached this city a few months earlier, and the father joined his sons a short time afterward. For some thirty years previously, William Windsor, Sr., had engaged in general contracting, and he now became the head of the firm of William Windsor & Sons, which secured a prominent position in the business life of this city. In 1898, after seventeen years of activity, the father retired. He is a member of the Sons of St. George. In 1896 the Windsor Brick Company had been established. It was incorporated in 1902, with a capital stock of $40,000, its object being the manufacture of all kinds of building and repress paving brick. Of this company, William Windsor, Jr., is president and manager; Clarence W. Windsor is vice president; and John T. Windsor is secretary and treasurer.

The Windsor Brick Company does a general line of contracting in addition to brick manufacturing. This company has practically built Barberton, erecting all the large plants there, and has laid from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 brick in that place alone. Among these are the Diamond Match Factory; the Diamond Match Machine Shop; the National Sewer Pipe; the Carrara Paint Company; the Barberton Electric Light Plant;

the Sterling Boiler and Foundry; the Barberton High School; the National Hotel; the National Sewer Pipe office; the Tracy Block; the Moore and St. John Block; the Welker Block and the Fraze Block. They built the Diamond Match plant at Liverpool, England, which contains 9,000,000 brick. This was a notable achievement and is typical of the energy and capacity of this firm. No English contractor could be found to undertake the gigantic task under a two-year contract, but this firm went to England and completed the work in six months. This firm built the great City Hospital at Akron, in addition to business blocks and private residences, and have done a large amount of superior work in other States and in Canada, supplying the material for the same.

In 1881 William Windsor, Jr., was married to Sarah Hemming, who was born in England, and they have two children: Clarence William and Gordon Welford. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

John T. Windsor, secretary and treasurer of the Windsor Brick Company, was born in England, in 1862. He was the first of the family to come to Akron, and when his brothers and father joined him, all were concerned in the contracting business of William Windsor & Sons. Mr. Windsor has always shown an interest in the welfare and development of this city since he made it his home. He is president of the Windsor Land Company, and is vice president of the Akron Base Ball Company, William Windsor, Jr., being a director in both organizations.

John T. Windsor married Mary Stubbs, who was born in England, and they have five children: William T., Mary, John, George and Ellen. Mr. Windsor is an Odd Fellow. The Windsors are all affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

ORRIN FRASE, a representative citizen and prosperous farmer of Norton Township, and the owner of seventy-six and one-half acres of fine farming land situated on the East and West road, in Norton Township, and 132 acres in Wayne County, was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, November 21, 1855, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Shoe) Frase, both of whom are deceased.

Orrin Frase was reared on his father's farm in Chippewa Township, and obtained his education in the country schools. He engaged in farming in Wayne County, where he remained until November 1, 1906, when he moved to Norton Township, Summit County, purchasing his present farm, which he has been cultivating very profitably ever since. For twenty-seven years he has been engaged in breeding Shropshire registered sheep, and the strain produced has been of such excellent quality that a large demand has been made, and Mr. Frase has sold his sheep in eighteen States and in Old Mexico.

On March 10, 1876, Mr. Frase was married to Ella Baughman, who is a daughter of Israel and Anna (Weygandt) Baughman, who were farming people of Chippewa Township. Mrs. Frase's grandfather, Rev. Henry Weygandt, was a pioneer minister, who probably helped to organize more Lutheran parishes in Wayne County, Ohio, than any other man of his time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frase have had the following children: Oliver M., Israel M., Cora E., Walter R., Elsie Murriel, Irene, Carl G., Florence, Ruby, Oral and Lucille. Oliver M., residing near Clinton, is a teacher and also farms. Israel M., residing at Barberton, is with the Sterling Company. Cora E. married Marvin Dice, of Akron. Walter resides on the old farm of 132 acres, in Wayne County, from which the family came to Summit County. He has one daughter, Beatrice. The present fine home and all the substantial buildings were erected by Mr. Frase. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church at Loyal Oak, being one of the deacons.

WILLIAM KOONSE, who is the oldest native-born citizen of Green Township, resides on a farm of 100 acres and owns also a second farm, of 125 acres, situated in the same township. Mr. Koonse was born on the farm on which he lives, in Green Township, Summit

County, Ohio, Februray 26, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Katherine (Gromous) Koonse.

John Koonse, the grandfather, was a farmer and weaver, and he passed his whole life near Allentown, Pennsylvania. He had a large family of children, Henry being one of the younger members. Henry Koonse learned the trade of weaver, which he followed for a time, but later became a farmer. He was married first in Pennsylvania, to Katherine Gromous, and some of his elder children were born there. After leaving Pennsylvania, the family lived for one year at Buffalo, New York, and then made the journey to Summit County, Ohio, in wagons. They settled in Wild Cat Swamp, on the present farm of William Koonse. Henry Koonse cleared the land and lived on this farm until his death, in 1885, when he was over eighty-three years of age. His first wife died many years before, and in 1874 he was married to Catherine Weaver. Ten children were born to the first union, as follows: Julia Ann, deceased, who married Samuel Klick; Jonas; Pollie, who married J. Burkett; Reuben; Maria, who married John Hildebrand; Susan, who married A. Belts; Henry; Catherine, who married J. Burkett; Sarah, who married M. Young; and William.

William Koonse spent many boyhood days in the fields and woods, where he caught raccoons and other small game. During the winter terms he attended the old log schoolhouse, which had a desk on each side of the room. Since attaining his majority Mr. Koonse has always engaged in agricultural pursuits. He bought the old home place from his father, but the large brick house and other buildings have been erected by him. In addition to the farm which he operates, he owns another in the northwestern corner of Green Township, which he purchased from David Thornton, and on which he lived for eight years. He is an active member of the Grange, and takes a lively interest in its welfare.

Mr. Koonse was married (first) to Maria Thornton, who was born August 24, 1840, and was a daughter of David Thornton, one of the early pioneers of Summit County. She died May 17, 1878, having been the mother of nine children: Mary Ella, who married H. Killinger; Henry Calvin; David Nelson, who married Emma Putt; Isaiah M., who died young; Katie Ann, who married Rev. J. Prickett; Alice Alma, deceased, who married John McCoy; Marvin C., who married Mary Englehardt; Willis Wilson, who married Sarah Robart; and Emanuel, who married Ida Overhalt. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Koonse was married (second) May 29, 1879, to Alice Spidle, who is a daughter of John and Eliza (Werst) Spidle, natives of Pennsylvania. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spidle died when Mrs. Koonse was a child of ten years, they having been the parents of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, who married S. Lilley; Naomi, who is single; Alice; Stacey; Dora, who is unmarried; Effie, who married Edward Shellhouse; and Ezra and Ira, both deceased, both of whom served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Koonse, namely: Arlin; Lydia, who died aged five and one-half years; John, who died when fifteen and one-half years; William; and one who died in infancy.

In political matters Mr. Koonse is a Republican, and his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. With his family he attends the Evangelical Association Church, and he has served for forty years in the various official positions of that denomination.

HARVEY A. MARSH, who resides on the farm of 160 acres owned by the heirs of S. C. Marsh, in Franklin Township, was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, September 18, 1862, and is a son of Samuel C. and Sarah (Spade) Marsh.

The first member of the Marsh family to settle in Summit County was the great-grandfather, George A. Marsh, who crossed the mountains from Pennsylvania, in an old covered wagon, which he later utilized in hauling his grain to Cleveland. That was many years later, for when he settled on the farm in Franklin Township, it was as the

hand of Nature had left it and it required many toilsome years to bring it to a grain producing condition. He reared a large family, four of whom are still living, namely: Hiram, who resides in Franklin Township; Mrs. Dailey, residing at Akron; John, living at Kent; and Simon, who is a resident of Coventry. One of the sons, George L., who was born in Pennsylvania, accompanied his father to the wilds of Ohio and made his home in Franklin Township, all his life. A farm that he purchased toward its close belongs now to Samuel Snyder. He had ten children and was the grandfather of Harvey A. Marsh.

Samuel C. Marsh, father of Harvey A., was a well-known resident of Franklin Township. He cultivated the old home farm and also worked for a short time in the old Excelsior shop, at Akron. During the days of the Civil War, when the call came for emergency men, he went out with the 100-day volunteers, but with these exceptions never lived outside of Franklin Township. He was married (first) to Sarah Spade, who died in 1869, aged thirty-four years. She was a daughter of Samuel Spade, of Springfield Township. His second marriage was to a sister of his first wife, then a widow, Mrs. Matilda Hershberger, who at that time had one son, Nathan Hershberger. She died after the birth of one daughter, Laura, who married C. Stump. Mr. Marsh was married (third) to Mary Smith, who still survives, having had one daughter, Carrie. The children born to the first marriage were: Harvey; Mary, who married George Becker; Madison; Jennie, who married E. Swigart; and Elma, who married A. Bexler. The second son, Madison, is deceased. Samuel Marsh died in October, 1906.

After Harvey A. Marsh was born, his parents moved to Akron, and after a four years' residence there they came to the present farm, on which he was reared. His education was obtained in the country schools, and his occupation has been farming. On November 24, 1887, Mr. Marsh was married to Emma Swigart, who is a daughter of John and Katherine (Keller) Swigart, and they have had seven children, three of whom died young. The survivors are: Ray, George, Mabel and Berenice. Mrs. Marsh has one brother, Byron W. Swigart, residing at Kenmore.

In politics Mr. Marsh is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Maccabee. With his family, he belongs to the Reformed Church.

MILO WHITE, who resides on the old homestead farm in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, on which he was born, August 23, 1850, is a son of Abia and Martha (Hagenbaugh) White.

Abia White, father of Milo, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1816, and was a son of Jacob and Rachel (Brittain) White, who came from Luzerne County to Summit County in 1824, making the long journey in wagons. They were natives of New England and possessed much of the prudence and thrift belonging to natives of that section. In 1827 they settled in Springfield Township on what is known as the Hillbish farm, removing later to the farm now owned by Milo White, which contained at that time 150 acres. Jacob White and wife both died in 1853, the former in May and the latter in April, aged about eighty-four years.

Abia White was reared on the home farm and when twenty-one years of age learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a few years, and then engaged in farming through the rest of his active life. His death occurred May 16, 1893. He married Martha Hagenbaugh, who died December 24, 1893. She is a daughter of Christian Hagenbaugh, of Medina County, Ohio. There were five children born to this marriage, and Milo is the only survivor. The others were: Mary Elizabeth, who died aged about seven years, and three others in infancy.

Milo White gained his primary education in the district schools near his home, and attended through one term, a school at Mogadore, then spent two years at Oberlin College, and a short time at Buchtel College, at Akron. After he left school he engaged in farming, and has proved the efficiency of an educated

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man in agriculture. He has a valuable farm of 145 acres, admirably managed, on which he raises feed for his cattle, a considerable amount of wheat, and milks a number of high-grade cows. In addition to these interests, he has been concerned for some time in handling estates, and has dealt to some extent in realty. He has also given his attention to public matters, having been elected township treasurer, trustee and assessor, and for more than twelve years has been a justice of the peace. His management of his various interests have made him a leader among the representative men of Springfield Township.

Mr. White was married (first) to Mattie L. Ellet, who died November 7, 1891. She was a daughter of King J. and Lucinda E. Ellet. King J. Ellet served two terms as commissioner of Summit County and was a man of much prominence. His parents, John and Elizabeth Ellet, were natives of Maryland, who settled in Springfield Township in 1810. Mr. and Mrs. Ellet had three children: Mattie, who became Mrs. White; Cora J., who married Frank Weston, of Springfield; and Fred K. Mr. Ellet retired from the office of county commissioner in 1889, and in March, 1890, he was appointed a trustee of the Summit County Children's Home, a position he filled in an able and efficient manner. Both he and wife died in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. White had a family of three sons and three daughters born to them, namely: Addie M., who married Charles W. Surfass, a machinist, and the superintendent of an automobile garage, residing at Akron; Frances L., who married Mark Metzger, superintendent of the Akron Manufacturing Company, residing at Akron, have one daughter, Mary; Roscoe A., residing in Chicago, connected with a large diamond importing house, was educated at Buchtel College, and married Dorothy Butler, of Elkhart, Indiana; William R., residing on the home farm, is interested also in a milk business at Akron; and Blanche Irene, residing at home. Two of the daughters of Mr. White were students at Buchtel and Wooster Colleges, and both were teachers in the public schools of Akron prior to marriage. Mr. White was married (second), May 24, 1894, to Mrs. Cordelia D. Surfass, who is a daughter of the late John H. and Mary Foltz.

Politically Mr. White is stanch in his Republicanism and has long taken an active interest in party policies. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow, for the past thirty years having been a member of Apollo Lodge, No. 61, East Akron.

ELMER A. GAULT, who, for the past ten years has had charge of all the concessions of the Lake Side Park, at Akron, is one of the city's best known and substantial men. Mr. Gault was born in 1862 in Wisconsin, and in childhood accompanied his parents to Lodi, Ohio, growing to the age of sixteen years on a farm.

At the above-mentioned age Mr. Gault went to Cleveland, where he learned the business of manufacturing candy, and was engaged in the candy line at Lexington, Kentucky, for five years. Failing health caused his return to Ohio, where he was married to Ella A. Zarle, of Wooster, in 1894. After a year spent at Cleveland, Mr. Gault came to Akron and for one year conducted a pleasure resort at Chippewa Lake, and then embarked in his present enterprise. He has a lease extending for eight more years and has felt justified in making many improvements on these grounds, in the spring of 1907 completing a large baseball diamond here at a cost of $2,500.

He has visited many parts of the United States and understands how to secure the best attractions. He is one of the largest stockholders in the East Market Street rink and owns other property, including a fine home at No. 936 South Main Street.

The parents of Mr. Gault were Daniel and Sarah (Hutchinson) Gault, the latter of whom still survives, the father having died February 17, 1906. Their children were: U. H. Gault, residing at Lodi, Ohio, and engaged in well drilling and coal prospecting; S. L., a retired farmer, living near Lodi; E.

A., of Akron; Mary, who married W. J. Feazel; Miller, of Lodi; Nellie, who married Edward Paden, an engineer, running the fast express between Chicago and Pittsburg; Frederick, who is in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as an electrical signal man; and Ida, who married William Bower, hose maker at the Diamond Rubber works, Akron. Mrs. E. A. Gault is a leading member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church on West Thornton Street, Akron.

GEORGE W. RUCKEL, a well known Akron citizen, superintendent of the Summit Sewer Pipe Company, was born in Medina County, Ohio, September 23, 1848. His father, George Ruckel, one of the leading farmers of Summit County in his day, and in politics a stanch Republican, died in 1878.

At a very early date in the life of the subject of this sketch, his parents moved to a farm near Tallmadge, Summit County, where he was reared and attended the district schools. Later he attended school at East Akron. His first industrial experience begun at an early age, was gained on the farm, and he followed his father's occupation on the home farm at Tallmadge until 1894. In that year his industrial activities underwent a radical change, for he then came to Akron, from which place he went out to superintend the building of a paper-mill at Boston, this county. For the past eight years he has been superintendent of the Summit Sewer Pipe Company, a responsible position, calling for a thorough practical knowledge of the business and good managerial ability. He is financially interested, both in this concern and in the Cleveland-Akron Bag Company. In politics, Mr. Ruckel is a Republican. His fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He married, in 1878, Miss Delia Baldwin, daughter of Harvey Baldwin, the president of the Buckeye Sewer Pipe Company, and one of Akron's best known and most respected citizen, further mention of whom may be found elsewhere in this work.

MILTON OTIS HOWER, one of the foremost business men of Akron, was born in Doylestown, Wayne County, Ohio, November 25, 1859, son of John H. and Susan (Youngker) Hower. His early ancestors in this country were of German origin. Removing with his parents to Akron in 1866, he was educated in the Akron Public Schools and Buchtel College, paying particular attention to those studies best calculated to equip him for a successful business career. With his father and two brothers he was associated in the organization of The Hower Company, oatmeal millers, of which company he was elected secretary. This company was, in June, 1891, merged with the American Cereal Company, and Mr. Hower was one of the directors, later filling the position of vice-president and chairman of the Executive Committee. His active business connections have extended until he is now a leading officer in some of the most important business enterprises of Akron and elsewhere. He is president and general manager of The Akron-Selle Company and The Akron Wood Working Company; vice-president of The Central Savings & Trust Company; president of the Lombard & Replogle Engineering Company; president of theJahant Heating Company, president of the Bannock Coal Company; president of The Akron Hi-Potential Company, of Barberton; president of the Akron Skating Rink Company and The Automobile Club. He is also a director of The Akron Gas Company and the Home Building & Loan Association, and is active in the promotion of all private and public enterprises, having for their object the moral or material advancement of the community.

Mr. Hower was married, November 16, 1880, to Miss Blanche Eugenia Bruot, daughter of James F. and Rosalie (Gressard) Bruot, of Akron. Of this marriage there are two children, Grace Susan Rosalie and John Bruot. Mr. Hower resides in the old Hower homestead, No. 60 Fir Street, one of the largest and most commodious residences in the city. He is an independent Republican and noted for his fight against corruption and graft in any party.

FOREST SWAIN, trustee of Norton Township, and a substantial farmer residing on his valuable ninety-six acres, was born October 4, 1870, on the old Swain homestead, in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Frederick and Rosanna (Roth) Swain.

Jacob Swain, the grandfather of Forest Swain, was born in Germany, and, after coming to the United States, settled near Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio. There Frederick Swain was born and resided until he came to Summit County, just prior to his marriage. He became one of the leading farmers of Norton Township. He was married (first) to Rosanna Roth, who died August 18, 1880. She was the mother of seven children; of these, John, Forest and William are survivors, the latter living on the old Swain homestead. Frederick Swain was married (second) to Ella Fisher, and they had two children, the older of these dying in infancy, and the younger, Grace, residing in the old home. Frederick Swain died February 20, 1902.

Forest Swain has never lived outside of Norton Township. In boyhood he attended the neighborhood schools, and since attaining manhood he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1900 Mr. Swain, together with his brother John, purchased the present farm. Forest Swain bought his brother's interest and later the latter bought one of the father's farms of ninety acres and removed to it in 1905. John Swain erected a fine dwelling.

The Swain brothers have always been bound by the closest of fraternal ties and they hold many interests together. They married sisters, both being daughters of Jeremiah Harter, a well-known resident of Norton Township. Forest Swain married Clara Harter, and they have one child, Harold. John Swain married Ede Harter, and they have four children: Paul, Ruth, Frederick and Clifford. Both brothers are leading members of the Lutheran Church. For ten years John Swain has been a member of the School Board, and at present is president of this body. In 1903 Forest Swain was elected township trustee on the Republican ticket, and has served as such ever since. In Forest and John Swain Norton Township has two honorable, intelligent, broad-minded citizens, men who exert a good influence in the community and who command the respect of all who know them.

CHARLES CALVIN EWART, a prominent and substantial citizen of Springfield Township, who is engaged in mixed farming and dairying on his fine estate of 200 acres, on which he was born, in Summit County, Ohio, July 13, 1850, is a son of John and Elizabeth (Harris) Ewart.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Ewart was Joseph Ewart, who came with his wife to Summit County, in 1811. She was of Scotch descent, and was a girl of eleven years when the Revolutionary War closed. Joseph Ewart was born in the north of Ireland and when he emigrated to America, located in Washington County, Pennsylvania where he married. After coming to Ohio, the Ewarts lived for one year at Tallmadge and then settled in Springfield Township, on the farm on which their grandson now lives.

John Ewart was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, December, 1809, and died in August, 1901. He was one of the following family of children: John; James, who married Rebecca Babb, daughter of George Babb, died in Summit County; Campbell, who was married (first) to a Miss McClelland and (second) to Ann Adams, died in Wyandot County; Silas, who married a Miss Hile, moved to Clark County, Missouri, where he subsequently died; Robert, who married Martha Lemon, died in Springfield Township; Polly, who married a Mr. Fredericksburg, moved to Tuscarawas County, but died in Summit County; and Nancy, who married Armstrong Thomas, died in Springfield Township. There are numerous descendants of the above children of Joseph Ewart settled in different sections of this county.

The parents of the mother of Mr. Ewart died when she was two years old and she was reared in the family of William Krantzer. She still survives, having reached her eighty-

fourth year. There were five children born to John and Elizabeth Ewart, as follows: Joseph, who died in boyhood; Perry A., who resides in Springfield Township, married Jennie Schaffer; Charles Calvin; Mary B., who married John Sheppard, resides in Lake County; Ada, who married Hubert Wright, resides in Lake County.

Charles Calvin Ewart obtained his early education in the district schools and spent a short season in academies at Darby and Mogadore. With the exception of a period of four months, Mr. Ewart has always lived on the present farm. It was first settled about 100 years ago, the original owner being named De Haven. He was a blacksmith and had a shop on the farm. For many years Mr. Ewart was engaged in sheep-raising, but for some years past he has given the larger part of his attention to the dairy business. His beautiful herds of Guernsey cattle are of great value and at the present writing he has thirty-five head, milking twenty head. He feeds many hogs annually, and with the good management which has made him a prosperous man, he watches his opportunity to make each line of agriculture profitable.

On January 1, 1874, Mr. Ewart was married to Leora Weston, who is a daughter of Solomon and Mary Jane (Force) Weston, the former of whom died in Summit County in February, 1907, and the latter in July, 1905. Both were natives of Summit County and Mr. Weston died on the farm on which he was born. Mr. and Mrs. Ewart have had six children, the survivors being: Eva, who married Lewis Houseley, residing in Brooklyn, New York, has one son, Burton; Aurie, who married Curtis Ewart, residing at Pomona, California, has one son, Robert Weston; and John and Elizabeth, both residing at home.

In politics, Mr. Ewart is a Democrat. For the past fifteen years he has served continuously as a member of the School Board, his whole term of service covering twenty years. For a number of years this Township was the banner one of the county in relation to the number of graduates and it is only reasonable to suppose that the excellent control of the schools by an intelligent township board had much to do with this.

JAKE L. RANNEY, general merchant at Macedonia Village, was born in Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 10, 1855, and is a son of Moses and Miranda (Rogers) Ranney.

Moses Ranney was born in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 12, 1819, and died June 24, 1895. After attending the district school through boyhood he learned the blacksmith trade at Little York and then opened a shop at Peninsula, which he ran for seven years. On May 1, 1851, he came to what is now Macedonia, where he established himself in business, where he remained active until within twenty years of his death. He took much interest in public affairs, was a Democrat in political belief, and served frequently in township offices. He was a valued member of the Masonic lodge at Hudson. He married Miranda Rogers and they had the following children, Edward G., who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Frank, residing at Akron; J. L., residing at Macedonia; and Fred E., residing at Akron.

Jake L. Ranney learned the blacksmith trade with his father and worked at it for some nine years and then embarked in a general mercantile business, in partnership with his brothers, under the firm name of F. M. Ranney & Company. In 1888, after eight years of experience, Mr. Ranney sold his interest and learned the carpenter trade, but in 1892 he returned to merchandising.

In 1904 he became manager of the Macedonia Implement Company, handling all kinds of agricultural implements and feed, and making a specialty of the manufacture of a can cleaner for the use of dairymen. It is a very useful device and is in general demand, being much superior to any article of the kind ever before put on the market.

Mr. Ranney married Pearl M. Clifford, who is a daughter of James C. Clifford, of Northfield, and they have had two children, the one survivor bearing the name of Roger Clifford, and he was born April 6, 1897. Mr.

Ranney owns considerable property at Macedonia, including his own home, which is furnished with beauty and taste.

When Mr. Ranney became a member of the Masonic fraternity there were about forty-eight members in Northfield. Previous to this time, township politics had been largely controlled by the United Presbyterian Church influences, inimical to the Masons, and this induced the Masonic people to get up a popular ticket which would sweep the town. On this ticket they elected Mr. Ranney, who was then twenty-two years of age, constable, an office he soon resigned. He never consented to hold any other until he was elected to his present office of township trustee. In the fall of 1904, he was appointed a justice of the peace, without being consulted, and he promptly declined the honor. Mr. Ranney is to some degree interested in opening up a gas well, in this section, which may prove of considerable value. He is one of the representative men of this part of Summit County.

JOSEPH BENSON CARTER, general farmer at Macedonia, Northfield Township, was born in Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio, February 28, 1839, and is a son of Thaddeus Andrews and Esther (Marshall) Carter.

The Carter family originated in southern England and probably the first settler in America was Robert Carter, who was the father of seven children, and who died at Killingsworth, Connecticut, in 1751. His son, William, was born in 1702, and joined the church at Killingsworth in 1725, soon after this removing to Guilford and thence to Wallingford, where, in 1733, he married Ann, daughter of Capt. Theophilus Yale.

Thaddeus Carter, son of William, was born at Wallingford, in 1735, removed to Richfield, Connecticut, in 1783, and married Lucy, a daughter of Elisha Andrews.

Noah Andrews Carter, son of Thaddeus, was born at Wallingford in 1777, removed to Richfield with his father, thence to Bristol. He was adopted by his uncle, Noah Andrews, one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of Connecticut. In 1815 he moved to Barkhamstead, where he died in 1830. He married Lydia Gaylord, who was born in 1778.

Thaddeus Andrews, father of Joseph B. Carter and second child and first son of Noah Andrews Carter and wife, was born at Bristol, Connecticut, March 24, 1902. In 1828 he married Esther Alford Marshall, who was born at Canton, Connecticut, December 9, 1805. They probably came to Ohio soon after their marriage, locating two miles west of the center of Twinsburg, on a wild, unimproved tract of land. On this farm Mrs. Carter died, September 1, 1845, leaving behind a record of a beautiful, unselfish life and many heroic deeds, as fell to pioneer woman's lot. The father of Mr. Carter was married (second) December 28, 1845, to Margaret McKesson, who was born at Yorktown, Maryland, May 6, 1812. He died October 22, 1870. At one time he was a member of the Masonic lodge at Twinsburg. In early life he was a Whig and later a Republican, and frequently was elected to offices of responsibility, both in public affairs in the community and in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Joseph B. Carter remained assisting on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, but when the Civil War was precipitated on the land, he determined to offer his life and services in defense of his country. He enlisted August 26, 1861, in Company K, Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864. He was connected with the Army of the Cumberland and participated in all the battles in which his regiment took part, from Pittsburg Landing to Stone River, where he was wounded by a bullet in his knee. This injury confined him to the hospital and subsequently made his transfer necessary to the invalid corps, in which he remained eight months. He barely escaped death on the same battlefield, as a bullet penetrated the buckle of his belt. This buckle is preserved as a very precious object by his family.

After the honorable close of his military service Mr. Carter returned to the Twinsburg

farm and remained until 1870, and two years later bought a farm of 160 acres, which was the old homestead, which he still retains and has cultivated by a tenant. In 1889 Mr. Carter came to his present farm of 275 acres, on which his wife was born. Mr. Carter has 100 acres under cultivation, and feeds all he grows except wheat and potatoes. He keeps forty head of cattle, ten horses and seventy-five sheep. He ships his milk to Cleveland. He has excellent, substantial buildings and has a silo 18 by 30 feet, 30 feet high.

On December 24, 1873, Mr. Carter was married to Amarilla L. Spafford, who is a daughter of Jason M. Spafford, of Northfield, where she was born August 4, 1852. They have two children, Lena May and Thaddeus B. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Twinsburg. Mr. Carter has been vice commander of Royal Dunn Post, No. 177, Grand Army of the Republic, at Bedford.

The father of Mrs. Carter was born at Salem, Ohio, September 13, 1831, and died May 25, 1876. His parents moved into Summit County when he was a small boy. Soon after his marriage he bought the farm in lot 3, on which the Carter family now lives. He married Philena Cranson, who was born in New York, and accompanied her parents to Geauga County, Ohio, in childhood. She still survives. Mrs. Carter was an only child.

MUNN BROTHERS, a firm made up of twin brothers, Abram Cranmer and Amos R. Munn, has been prominent in the business affairs of Macedonia for a number of years, and the two brothers, together and individually, have been identified with much of the public life and commercial concerns of this section. The brothers were born at Macedonia, Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 6, 1840, and are sons of Hiram and Esther (Cranmer) Munn.

Warner Munn, the grandfather, was a native of New Jersey, and served in the Revolutionary War. For a number of years near the close of his life he lived in Northfield Township, and his remains lie in Northfield Cemetery.

Hiram Munn was born at Trenton, New Jersey, in January, 1800, and died in 1880. When he was still young his parents moved to the State of New York, and during the War of 1812 he served as a drummer boy at the battle of Sacketts Harbor. Subsequently he followed his trade of cabinetmaker at Cleveland for a few years, and then came to Northfield, where he followed carpentry during the remainder of his active life. He married Esther Cranmer, who was a daughter of Abraham Cranmer, of Macedonia. She was the first school teacher in Northfield Township. Hiram Munn and wife had eleven children, eight of whom reached maturity, as follows: Irene, who married J. J. Brittain, residing in Streetsboro Township; Francis Adelia, who is survived by her husband, J. W. Caldwell, residing at Macedonia; John Wesley, who is deceased; Abram C. and Amos R.; Zorada, who married Harry Brumley, residing at Cleveland, and Ferdinand Sylvester, residing at Macedonia. The parents of the above family were most worthy people in every phase of life. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the father was a local preacher, and they were largely instrumental in having erected the present Northfield Church.

Abram C. Munn obtained a common school education at Macedonia, and after acting in the capacity of a clerk for several years, in the post-office, he learned the shoemaking trade, and in 1858 the firm name of Munn Brothers came into existence, the young men entering into partnership, and they continued to carry on a shoemaking industry for about ten years. In 1861 A. C. Munn was appointed post-master by President Lincoln, and in 1863 he became local agent for the American Merchants Union Express Company, and continued in that capacity until he went to Cleveland, where he fitted himself to be a practical steam engineer. He was succeeded as agent by his brother, Amos R., who fills the position for the Adams Express Company at this point.

After closing out their first business enterprise, the brothers engaged in a general mercantile business at Macedonia, which they continued as a partnership until 1885, when Abram C., went to Cleveland to accept the position of engineer of the waterworks department for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Amos R. continued the business at Macedonia, changing its character somewhat, and has added notions and coal to the commodities he handles. Abram C. Munn remained in the employ of the railroad company until 1902, when he returned to Macedonia, where he now lives partially retired, although the brothers still have business interests in common. They are much alike in their modes of thought, and view public questions in the same light, hence, both are identified with the Republican party, both are Masons and both are Maccabees. For five years A. C. Munn served as clerk of Northfield Township. Their Masonic connections are at Bedford, and A. C. Munn is also a member of Summit Chapter, Royal Arch. Of the Maccabees, A. C. Munn is past commander, and A. R. has served as treasurer of the lodge.

Abram C. Munn was married (first) to Mary S. McLaughlin, who died in 1898. She was a daughter of Robert McLaughlin of Corona, Michigan. No children were born to that marriage and Mr. and Mrs. Munn adopted a daughter, Grace A., who subsequently became the wife of A. T. Brooks, of Macedonia. Mr. Munn was married (second) July 3, 1904, to Mrs. Ella A. (Allen) Wadham. She is a member of the Disciples Church.

In 1866, Amos R. Munn was married (first) to Sarah Ann DeHaven, of Northfield Township, and of their children, one survives, Gertrude, who married Frederick Jenkins, of Macedonia. Mrs. Munn died in 1871. Mr. Munn was married (second) to Johanna Havens, of Bedford, who formerly was a school teacher in Northfield Township. They have two daughters: Stella, who married Albert Jenkins, residing at Macedonia, and Rada, who married Homer Armstrong, who is a teacher in the Akron High School.

Amos R. Munn resides on a farm which his grandfather Cranmer cleared. There are about twenty acres in the place and Mr. Munn cultivates about twelve. He has put in all kinds of modern improvements, including a silo 10 by 12 feet and 30 feet high. He has twenty-five stands of bees and produces a great deal of fine honey. He ships milk to Cleveland, keeping some six head of cattle. Many of the old orchard trees set out by his grandfather are still in bearing condition.

JAMES F. WRIGHT, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, resides on an excellent farm of thirty-six acres, which he purchased in 1896. Mr. Wright was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 4, 1856, and is a son of Hon. Thomas and Elizabeth (Henderson) Wright.

When Thomas Wright, Sr., the grandfather of James F., came from New York to Summit County, in 1837, he settled first by Springfield Lake, where he built a log house. Later he moved to the farm now owned by his son, Hon. Thomas Wright, chosing the land on account of a fine spring located on the place. There were few settlers in Springfield Township at that time, and but little clearing had been done. On the farm, after all these years, there still remains one tree, the markings on which recall the time when blazings were the only sign posts by which settlers could reach civilization from their homes in the forest. This tree marked the old forest road which led to the river near Mr. Wright's home. The highway which runs by his property has a foundation of corduroy, the logs having been laid years and years ago.

The grandparents of James J. Wright were born and married in England. His father, Hon. Thomas Wright, formerly a member of the Ohio State Legislature, was born after the family settled in Tompkins County, New York. Thomas Wright, Jr., married Elizabeth Henderson, who was born in Springfield Township and was a daughter of an old pioneer family. James and Elizabeth (Smith)

Henderson. She died in 1902, aged seventy-two years.

James F. Wright is one of a family of six children. He was educated in the district school and the Akron High School, going from there to Mount Union College, after which he taught school for some two years in Coventry and Springfield Townships. His life, however, has been mainly devoted to farming. For some time he managed his father's farm, but later purchased property, which he has continued to improve to the present time.

On September 10, 1875, Mr. Wright was married to Mary J. Steese, who was born in Green Township, and is a daughter of George and Esther (Faust) Steese. Her parents came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. Both are deceased, the father reaching the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have three children: Esther Elta, who married Robert Manson, resides at Akron, and they have one child, Finley Manson; Bert A., residing at Akron, where he is assistant draughtsman for the firm of Taplan and Rice, and Myron E., who is stenographer and bookkeeper for the Welsh Paper Mill Company, at Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Wright is one of the leading Republican politicians of Summit County. For a number of years he has served as a member of the party executive committee of this precinct, has attended numerous county conventions as a delegate, and in 1906 he was elected alternate to the State convention. He has also served in local offices, and for some ten years has been a member of the School Board.

Fraternally, Mr. Wright is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Summit Lodge, No. 50, Akron. Both he and wife are members of the German Reformed Church.

GEORGE W. SHRIBER, general farmer and trucker, residing on a well-cultivated farm near Loyal Oak, Norton Township, was born at Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio, November 23, 1855, and is a son of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Crites) Shriber.

Emanuel Shriber was a farmer and also a carpenter and George W. was reared to agricultural pursuits. His education was obtained in the country schools. For fourteen years after marriage, Mr. Shriber lived on his farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio. After the death of his father, which took place in September, 1895, Mr. Shriber returned to Wayne County, and continued to reside on the home farm in Baughman Township, until March, 1902, when he came to Summit County and settled on his present farm. His land is well adapted to the growing of vegetables and small fruits and he engages largely in this industry, in addition to general agricultural work.

Mr. Shriber was married to Clara E. Frase, who is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Frase. She was reared in Chippewa Township, Wayne County. Mr. and Mrs. Shriber have had six children, namely: Carrie E., Bert Alvin, Carl C., George Neil, Howard Frase and Glen Russell. Mr. Shriber's children have been well educated, the three older ones all becoming teachers. The eldest daughter, who is principal of the High School at Carrolton, the county seat of Carrol County, is a talented lady and widely-known educator. She attended the High School at Marshallville, Ohio, spent one year at Jefferson, Ohio, and completed her liberal education at Wooster University. Bert Alvin, the eldest son, is successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry at Akron. For four years he engaged in teaching. He is a gradnate of the Marshallville High School, and studied his profession at the Western Reserve University at Cleveland. He married Blanch Woods, who is a daughter of Dr. A. T. Woods, of Loyal Oak, Ohio. Carl C., the second son, attended the Marshallville High School and completed his education in the summer sessions at Wooster University, for three years teaching through the winters.

Mr. Shriber and family belong to Grace Reformed Church at Loyal Oak, in which he is an elder. He is a man of upright character and the family is a representative one of Norton Township.

RESIDENCE AND BARN OF REUBEN B. BAUGHMAN, NORTON TOWNSHIP

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REUBEN B. BAUGHMAN, a representative citizen and leading farmer of Norton Township, resides upon a well-improved and finely-cultivated farm of ninety acres, which is situated one mile south and west of Johnson's Corners. He was born at Hametown, Summit County, Ohio, July 12, 1850, and is a son of John C. and Elizabeth (Barkhamer) Baughman.

John Baughman, the grandfather of Reuben B., came to Norton Township when his son, John C., the youngest of the three children, was four years old, the other being Joel C. and Mrs. Susanna Waltenberger. At that time the family name was spelled in the old German way—Bachman—the change being made to the present orthography by John C., when he came to man's estate. John Bachman, or Baughman, was a cabinetmaker by trade and settled first in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, but it is probable that he did little else than farming after coming to Norton Township. John C. Baughman was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, but was reared and educated in Wayne and Summit Counties, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Barkhamer, who was reared in Franklin Township. She was a daughter of John Barkhamer, who walked the whole distance from Pennsylvania and bought a tract of woodland in Franklin Township, Summit County, on which he lived for the remainder of his life. For many years he was a justice of the peace.

The parents of Reuben B. Baughman went to housekeeping in Norton Township and as he had learned the carpenter trade he worked at it and subsequently became a well-known contractor and carried on a large wholesale lumber business. In addition to his carpenter, contracting and lumber interests, Mr. Baughman dealt in land and acquired 308 1-3 acres of farming land, and owned also a store property at Hametown. The Barberton Chemical Company plant is located on land which was once his farm. He died in September, 1898. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Reuben B., Isaac James; Arvilla, who married William H. Nice, of Barberton; Calista B., who married Huston Snyder, living on the old home farm; and Clara E., who married Clyde O. Rasor. Three children are deceased, namely: Amanda, Emma and Cora.

Reuben B. Baughman was reared in Norton Township and attended the district schools. His attention has been given to farming and his fine property shows that he is successful as an agriculturist. He raises grain and enough stock for his own use.

Mr. Baughman married Martha Jane Wise, only child of Michael and Martha (Myers) Wise. The Wise family is a very old and prominent one in this township. For many years Michael Wise, who resides at Johnson's Corners, served as a justice of the peace, and few men are better known in this section than 'Squire Wise. Mr. and Mrs. Baughman have had four children—Loma Blanche, who died aged four years; Lloyd W. is a bookkeeper for the L. S. & M. S. Railroad, residing at Cleveland; Clarence C., who died at the age of eighteen years; and John R., residing at home.

Mr. Baughman is a man who takes an interest in the welfare of his community and as a prominent man has frequently been selected by his fellow-citizens for office. He served two terms as Township treasurer, and since 1904 he has been a member of the School Board. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

L. D. CASTLE, general manager of the Pittsburg Valve and Fitting Company, an important industry which has been located at Barberton, since 1902, is a practical machinist, who has had a large experience in different parts of the country. Mr. Castle was born at Frederick, Maryland, but in his childhood, his parents moved to Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia.

Mr. Castle was educated at Charlestown, and when eighteen years of age, he moved to Connecticut, locating at Bridgeport, Fairfield County. There he had an opportunity to study mechanical drawing, and he also served an apprenticeship of three years to the ma-

chinist's trade. For two years he worked as a journeyman machinist and then became foreman of the Eaton, Cole and Burnham Company's shops, and while serving as such was offered the superintendency of the Kelley and Jones Company, of New York, which he accepted. Previously he declined the offer of assistant superintendent with the former company. The Kelly and Jones Company, two years later, removed their plant from New York to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where they built larger works, and Mr. Castle remained with them until prepared to go into the organization of the Pittsburg Valve and Fitting Company.

This important business concern of Barberton was organized in 1901 at Pittsburg, by L. D. Castle and M. J. Alexander. For one year the partners operated a pattern shop at Pittsburg, but as the scope of their business was enlarged, it was considered advisable to build the necessary large works at another place, Barberton offering a suitable location. The officers of the company are the following capitalists and experienced men in this line of work: William D. Hartupee, president, residing at Pittsburg; M. J. Alexander, secretary and treasurer, residing at Pittsburg, and L. D. Castle, general manager, residing at Barberton. The board of directors includes these names: Alexander R. Peacock, Charles W. Brown, William D. Hartupee, M. J. Alexander, L. D. Castle, Joseph H. O'Neill and Kenneth K. McLaren. The company owns eighty acres of land, seventy-five of which was purchased from the Huntsburger heirs and five acres from the Barberton Land Company. Employment is given to 900 men and the pay roll is a very heavy item. The products of this plant are standard brass and iron valves and iron pipe fittings, for use in connection with steam, water, oil and gas. They sell through jobbers, their trade territory being the United States and foreign countries. The business was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital stock of $1,000,000. They run three foundrys, a grey iron, a malleable iron and a brass foundry.

Mr. Castle was married in New York City to Carrie L. Fuller, and they have two children, namely: Louis H., who is connected with a bank, in Boston, in which city he resides with his family, and George Fuller, who is a student in the Barberton schools.

Mr. Castle is a member of the order of Elks.

GREGORY J. GONDER, a substantial citizen and leading business man at Barberton, conducting a store at No. 345 Second Street, in the Gonder Block, devoted to wall paper and painters' supplies, was born at Akron, May 29, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Steinbecker) Gonder.

Joseph Gonder, a son of Joseph Gonder, was born in Germany, and came alone to America in boyhood, settling at Akron, where he was joined two years later by his father, who established the business in 1835. The three brothers, Gregory J., William H. and Joseph, all learned the painting trade.

Gregory J. Gonder grew up at Akron and began to assist his father when only twelve years of age, in the old shop which was located on East Market Street, Akron, and after he became his father's partner the business was continued at Akron, Mr. Gonder not settling at Barberton until September, 1906. He still runs a shop in the basement of the *Windsor Hotel,* but his main business is carried on in the Gonder Block, which fine three-story brick building, 24 by 100 feet in dimensions, he erected in 1904. He gives employment to nine men and does general contracting in painting.

Mr. Gonder was married at Akron to Emma M. Edwards, who is a daughter of John Edwards, and they have had three children, the one survivor being the eldest, Gregory R., who is associated with his father in business. He married Mary Condon. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Gonder were: Susan, who died aged two years, and Howard, who died aged seventeen years. Mr. Gonder is an active member of the Baptist Church at Akron. Fraternally, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES B. TRYON, farmer, residing in the village of Macedonia, was born on a farm he owns, situated in lot 2, Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 22, 1855. His parents were Jesse and Ruth (Gibson) Tryon.

Jesse Tryon, father of Charles B., was born at Wethersfield, Connecticut, September 15, 1819, and was twelve years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents. They settled in Cuyahoga County, and he was educated in an old log school house near his father's farm. After he was married, Jesse Tryon came to Summit County and bought the farm on which his son Charles B., was subsequently born. It contained originally, forty-nine acres, to which Jesse Tryon added until he had 158 acres, and on this land he raised many cattle and sheep. He became identified with the Republican party and served in township offices. He married a daughter of Asa Gibson. She was born in New Jersey and died in Ohio, in 1896, aged seventy-six years. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Three of their four children grew to maturity, namely: Jennie R., deceased, who married V. B. Murphey, also deceased; Charles B., and Zettie R., who married C. A. Bissell, residing at Antwerp, Ohio.

Charles B. Tryon remained on the home farm through childhood, youth and into middle age, developing the property and carrying on both farming and dairying for many years. Prior to the spring of 1907, when he retired to a pleasant home in the village of Macedonia, he looked after all his farm industries himself, but these he has largely delegated to his son, who resides on the farm, in the substantial old house which was built by his grandfather, sixty years ago. The barns have been enlarged and other buildings added, Mr. Tryon always having taken considerable pride in his surroundings. There are kept twenty-five head of Holstein cattle on the farm, milk being shipped to Cleveland. Hay, corn and oats are raised for feed, and wheat and potatoes for sale.

Mr. Tryon married Della Robinson, who is a daughter of Sidney Robinson, of Michigan, and they have had three children: Pearl, deceased, who married Z. A. Housell, of Northfield; Fred, who was born August 14, 1880, residing on the farm, married Delia Baldwin and has three children, and Treva, residing at home.

Politically, Mr. Tryon is identified with the Republican party and for twenty years has been a member of the School Board of Northfield Township. He was one of the prime movers in securing the incorporation of the village of Macedonia and at present is a member of the village council. He is the secretary of the Twinsburg German Coach Horse Company, which owns the imported German coach stallion, *Olof*. With his wife he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and contributes liberally to its support.

IRA L. HART, who resides on his well-improved farm of eighty-seven acres in Springfield Township, is one of the best known farmers in the township and a representative member of one of the oldest families of this section. He was born in Summit County, Ohio, October 8, 1861, and is a son of George W. and Rebecca (Myers) Hart. He is a grandson of John D. Hart, who came to Summit County from Pennsylvania, at a very early date which has not been preserved, but at that time there were few other settlers in this region. John D. Hart made his first permanent settlement where his grandson Ira now resides. A log cabin had been built on the land by a former tenant and in that rude but sufficient abode this worthy pioneer and his wife rounded out their lives. John D. Hart was a soldier in the War of 1812, and he was a son of the John Hart whose name is appended to the Declaration of Independence. John D. Hart's family included four daughters and two sons who reached mature age, namely: Mrs. Margaret Gillen, Mary A., who married John A. Myers and died in Springfield Township; Rebecca, who married Abraham Rodenbaugh, and spent her life in Springfield Township; Jane, deceased, who survived her husband, Benjamin Clay; John, who died

in 1900, aged eighty years, and who married Margaret Hawk, and George W., father of Ira L., who died in 1898. John D. Hart and his wife died soon after the close of the Civil War, and were buried in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church at Springfield. He owned a farm of ninety acres at that time.

The parents of Ira L. Hart were both born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. The mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hart, died when Ira L. Hart was about seven years of age. Her husband survived her until April 10, 1898, when he died at the age of sixty-six years. They had eight children, the three survivors being: Arilda J., who married O. J. Swinehart, residing at Springfield Lake; Luther E., residing at Akron, but owning a farm in Springfield Township, who married Minerva Ritzman, daughter of Samuel Ritzman, and Ira L., whose name begins this sketch. After marriage, George W. Hart and wife started housekeeping in the old log house which still stands on the farm, and his life was mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was one of the organizers of Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He owned a farm of sixty acres which he placed under good cultivation and he built an excellent barn, of which his son now makes use. The old home was comfortable and neither he nor his wife desired any other. They were quiet, virtuous, godly people, members of the Presbyterian Church, and estimable in every relation of life. Their remains lie in the Presbyterian cemetery. Mr. Hart was a patriotic citizen and served in the Union army during the Civil War.

Ira L. Hart was born in the old family residence which still remains standing on the farm. He obtained his education in the district schools. He and his brother Luther worked some years for their father, after which they purchased the Henderson farm. After the father's death they returned, Ira L. receiving a small portion of the estate, to which he subsequently added by purchase until he now owns a fraction over eighty-seven acres. Formerly he was largely interested in growing potatoes for the Akron market, but now carries on mixed farming and raises small fruit. In 1903 he completed his fine modern residence, of eight rooms, which, in architecture and convenience, is one of the handsomest in Springfield Township. All his surroundings show thrift and good management. In a large measure, Mr. Hart is a self-made man, having acquired his popularity through industry and frugality.

On December 22, 1885, Mr. Hart was married to Ida B. Traster, of Springfield Township, and they have three children, namely: Jessie, Willard and Dawn, all residing at home. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Springfield.

In politics, Mr. Hart is a Democrat. In the spring of 1901 he was elected township treasurer, and subsequently served efficiently four years and four months in this responsible office. He is a man of liberal, broad-minded views on public matters, and is interested in all that promises to be of benefit to his locality.

ALBERT R. HENRY, secretary and treasurer of the Paul & Henry Construction Company, and member of the firm of Paul & Henry, of Barberton, is one of the prominent citizens and a representative business man of this community. Mr. Henry was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1866, and is a son of Milton and Margaret (Reed) Henry.

The parents of Mr. Henry moved to New Castle, Pennsylvania, when he was about one year old, and he was reared and educated in that place, completing the High School course. In 1891, just about the time the business awakening reached Barberton, Mr. Henry came to this place, accompanying the Stirling Boiler Works as bookkeeper, and manager of the clerical force, and he remained with that organization until 1900, when he entered into partnership with John Paul, in the coal business and in city contract work, including paving, etc. The extensive yards and offices of this firm are located at Bolivar Road and Baird Avenue, where they

have about an acre of land. Paul & Henry are contractors and builders in stone work and sewer work, and make a specialty of heavy hauling and moving. Much of the extensive work required by the Diamond Match Company is placed in the hands of this firm. They did all the stone work on the school houses here, the abutment at the gorge, at Akron, over the Cuyahoga River, and also all of the stone work for the Pittsburg Valve Company's buildings. Employment is given to from 150 to 225 men. In May, 1907, the firm entered into the manufacture of artificial ice, in a newly constructed building. Paul & Henry is a separate organization from the Paul & Henry Construction Company. The latter is incorporated at $20,000, and do nothing but grading, concrete work and masonry. John Paul is president of that branch. The former company does some construction work but is mainly interested in coal and ice. Both members of the above companies are practical engineers and are prominent in industrial circles at Barberton, and equally prominent as citizens.

Mr. Henry was married in 1904 to Martha McMichael. He is an active and interested member of both the Masons and the Elks.

WALTER A. WHITE, who has been identified with the match industry since 1868, is superintendent of the Diamond Match Company, at Barberton. Mr. White was born at Brooklyn, New York, December 28, 1855, and is a son of James P. and Keziah (Hunt) White.

When Mr. White was eleven years of age, his parents removed to Akron, Ohio. During the Civil War his father, a ship carpenter, had worked for the Government at Brooklyn, and after he came to Akron he devoted himself to building canal boats. He was a good workman and met with material success. He lived to be eighty-six years of age, dying from the effects of an accident, April 3, 1907. His widow still survives, aged seventy-seven years.

Walter A. White completed his education at Akron, in 1868 beginning to work for O. C. Barber in the match business, at first only during the summer vacation, but later taking regular work and attending night school. Step by step he has risen in the business, from its humblest position to that of one of the most important on its working force, each year becoming more valuable to Mr. Barber and his associates, both on account of his efficiency as well as fidelity.

On December 24, 1883, Mr. White was married to Alice Westcott, and they have two children, namely: Ethel C., who married Oris Tichnor, has one child: Walter H., and Howard W. Mr. White has two brothers and one sister: John, proprietor of the White Lumber Company, at Akron; James, in a lumber business at Detroit, and Anna, who married Charles Akers, who is a hardware and real estate dealer at Akron.

Mr. White is a prominent member of the Elks.

W. H. SHAW, a representative agriculturist of Northfield Township, residing on his valuable farm of 112 acres, was born in Washington Township, Licking County Ohio, September 3, 1853, and is a son of Harvey F. and Rebecca (Helphrey) Shaw.

The father of Mr. Shaw was born in New Jersey and there learned the trade of stonemason. He came to Washington Township, Utica village, Licking County, Ohio, in young manhood, acquired a farm and carried it on together with work at his trade. He died in 1870, aged forty-eight years. He married a daughter of George Helphrey, and they had the following children: Annabel, W. H., Laura, Simon L., Frank, Arthur and Corbett. The mother of the above family still survives, aged seventy-eight years. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Berea, Ohio.

W. H. Shaw attended school in Washington Township, Utica village, and was fifteen years of age when his parents moved to Clinton, Henry County, Missouri, selling the old farm. The father died in Missouri and three years later, upon her return to Licking County, the mother purchased a second farm.

W. H., as the eldest son, took charge and remained at home until his own marriage. For three years following he rented a farm in the same township, later purchasing property there on which he continued to reside until 1901, when he came to his present location, buying eighty-nine acres at first, and subsequently increasing to 112 acres. Of this he has about fifty acres under cultivation, on which he raises wheat, hay, corn and oats and many potatoes. He has a valuable silo 14 by 14 feet and 26 feet high. He keeps twenty-five head of fine Durham and Holstein cattle, and disposes of his milk to the Brooks Creamery Company. He makes poultry raising profitable and understands how to reap benefit from all portions of his domain.

Mr. Shaw married Lucina Chopson, who is a daughter of John Chopson, of Washington Township, Utica village, and they have five children, namely: Gail, Mabel, Flossie, Reid and Charles. Mr. Shaw and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee and in which he has served as a class leader.

Mr. Shaw is one of the leading Republicans of his section, and prior to coming here, served for six years as township trustee, and for ten or twelve years was a member of the School Board. Formerly he frequently served as a delegate to county conventions. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and also to the Maccabees.

WILLIAM R. HAGUE, a progressive farmer and energetic, intelligent citizen of Northfield Township, residing on his valuable farm of 100 acres, was born August 15, 1870, in Washington Township, Guernsey County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Preeney (Stillians) Hague.

William R. Hague is a self-made man. His parents died when he was young, leaving him and his sister, Nola, to be reared by family friends. The other children were: Louis, residing in Washington Township, and Cora who married Faraan Coats, residing at Cleveland. Nola subsequently married B. H. Deacon, of Alpena, Michigan.

Mr. Hague remained with his foster parents until they died, when he was about twenty-three years old, after which he came to Northfield Township, where he has been mainly engaged in farming ever since. In 1896, he was married to Charlotte Rinear, who is a daughter of Albert Rinear, the latter of whom is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Northfield Township. For four years following his marriage Mr. Hague rented his present farm and then built a house in Bedford, where he resided for about two years, and in the spring of 1907, purchased the farm. He carries on a general agricultural line, keeps ten head of cattle, raises about the same number of hogs annually, and grows potatoes, corn, hay, oats and wheat.

Mr. Hague is a good citizen of his community but he takes no very active interest in politics, devoting his energies to the improvement and development of his farm.

BRACE P. HILL, residing on the old Hill homestead in Norton Township, a valuable tract of 199 acres, which is situated about two and one-half miles from Wadsworth, and lies on the county line between Medina and Summit Counties, has carried on general farming here with much success for the past twenty-one years. Mr. Hill was born on this farm and is a son of Dr. John and Catherine (Pardee) Hill.

The late Dr. John Hill was born in Sussex, England, October 26, 1823, and was a son of John and a grandson of John, the name being a particularly favored one in the Hill family, appearing in every generation. The mother of Dr. Hill was Harriet Wickham, and she was born in County Kent, England. In 1828 the Hills sailed for America, from the now sunken port of Rye, on the English Channel, and after a voyage of six weeks they landed in New York. The father of Dr. Hill engaged in farming in the vicinity of Utica, New York, until the spring of 1832, when he removed to Orange Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where he invested in farming land on which he lived until 1843.

After disposing of his interests there, John Hill moved to Tazewell County, Illinois, where he passed the rest of his life.

The son, John Hill, left his home to seek work with strangers when he was about fifteen years of age, but for five years thereafter he gave all his wages to his father. He was very anxious to obtain an education and was only a boy when he had determined to become a physician. Through rigid economy and persevering study he attained his ambition. In 1847 he began to read medicine with Dr. Alexander Fisher, at Western Star, Summit County, and in the fall of 1848 he attended his first course of lectures at the Cleveland Medical College, returning for his second course in the following year. In 1850 he went to California, where he was taken sick and lay for six months in a hospital in Sacramento, but subsequently recovered and remained in that State until May, 1853, when he took ship for Australia. After a voyage of seventy days he reached the island continent, where he remained until the following May, when he went to London, England, on his way back to America. He left England in September, reached New York late in October, and Cleveland early in December, and during the winter of 1854 and 1855, he attended medical lectures in the latter city.

In the fall of 1855 Dr. Hill entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in March, 1856, receiving his long sought diploma. For a short time Dr. Hill practiced at Western Star, from which place he removed to Sharon Township, in Medina County, where he practiced for a year, and then settled in Norton Township, Summit County. He was a man of such wide experience and much learning outside his profession that he soon became a leader among his fellow-citizens, and in 1870 he was elected county commissioner, in which office he served for almost nine years. In 1879 he was elected to the State Legislature and served one term, after which he retired from public life. His death took place December 13, 1890.

In March, 1857, Dr. Hill was married to Catherine Pardee, who is a daughter of Ebenezer and Almira (Brace) Pardee, and they had six children, as follows: Harriet Almira, who was born June 22, 1858, died October 30, 1878; John E., who was born August 7, 1859, resides at Barberton; Martha B., who married D. H. Taft, resides at Columbus, Ohio; Brace B., who was born August 12, 1865; Josephine Elizabeth, who married Richard Wasson, resides at Barberton, and Edward B., who was born January 4, 1881, lives in Illinois. The mother of this family still survives.

Brace P. Hill has always resided on the present farm, which has been under his direct management for many years. He attended the district schools of Norton Township and also the Norton High School. He married Anna Wiser, and they have five children: Margaret K., Karl W., Lawrence B., Walter and an infant son born September 23, 1907. Mr. Hill belongs to the fraternal orders of Modern Woodmen and Pathfinders. He is one of Norton Township's substantial and reliable citizens, and has served as a member of the School Board and as clerk of the incorporated village of Western Star. Mr. Hill at present holds both of these offices.

A. S. NEALE, B. S., proprietor of *Maple Mound Farm* and president of the Northern Ohio Milk Producers' Association, is one of the most energetic and progressive agriculturists of Northfield Township, having been thoroughly educated in the line of his present industry. He was born in Monroe Township, Guernsey County, Ohio, September 8, 1870, and is a son of John and Amanda (Rourk) Neale.

Mr. Neale bears an old and honored name and readers of history will recall the prominent part the Neales took in English affairs in the days of Cromwell. At the time of the Restoration, the family left England and came to America, locating first in Maryland and later in Pennsylvania, and in the person of the grandfather, Archibald Neale, became

established in Harrison County, Ohio. He died in 1887.

John Neale, father of A. S., resides on his farm of 160 acres, having always devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, in the past having given much attention to wool-growing. In politics he is a Democrat and has served in a number of the local offices in his community. During the Civil War he was in the service of the Federal Government for one year. He married (first) Amanda Rourk, who died in 1876. Her father was Edward Rourk, of Guernsey County. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Of the four children born to this union, three reached maturity, namely: Maude, who married E. T. Brock, residing at Dillon, Montana; A. S., and Lena, who married H. E. McCleary, residing at Milnersville, Ohio. John Neale was married (second) to Lucina McConneaughey, and to that marriage has been four sons and one daughter. For twenty-five years, John Neale has been an elder in the United Presbyterian Church.

Until he was eighteen years of age, A. S. Neale spent his time in securing a good, common school education and in assisting on the home farm, his father being a very large landowner. He then went to the southwestern part of Montana and spent two years working on a ranch, in the meanwhile saving enough capital to take a preliminary course at the Ohio State University, becoming a member of the class of 1895. Prior to taking up the studies of his senior year, in 1904, Mr. Neale spent a season in Tuscarawas County, but his whole time was taken up either in study, experimenting or preparing agricultural literature. At the university he took the scientific course, specializing in Agriculture. During the year 1903-4 he was superintendent of the university farm. For a number of years prior to 1903, he had been a welcome correspondent of many agricultural papers, and early in that year he became associate editor of the North American Farmer, a monthly magazine, which was started to present the scientific side of farming, in a popular manner.

When Mr. Neale left the university he accepted a position with the Scripps-McCrea League, one of the newspaper syndicates, as a special writer on agriculture, and continued with that company for two years, during which time he made several trips each year to Washington City, where he formed many congenial acquaintanceships with prominent men in the Agricultural Department of the Government. During this time Mr. Neale continued to reside on his farm of 162 acres, near Macedonia. Of this acreage he cultivates ninety acres, producing hay, corn, wheat and oats, giving ten acres to potatoes, and growing raspberries and strawberries for market. He keeps twenty-five cows and sells milk to the Brooks Creamery Company.

Mr. Neale married Emma Rogers, a lady of most endearing qualities of heart and mind, who died November 9, 1905. She left four children: John and Comfort, twins, and Philip and Edward. She was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Neale is one of the stewards.

Mr. Neale united with the Grange in Tuscarawas County, and is in full accord with all agricultural movements looking to the advancement of the farming community and the spreading of scientific knowledge.

FRANK H. MILLER, one of Norton Township's reliable citizens and good farmers, residing on his eighty-acre farm, was born at Loyal Oak, Summit County, Ohio, March 30, 1856, and is a son of Daniel and Amelia (Boerstler) Miller.

Both parents of Mr. Miller were born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and the father came to Summit County in 1843 and the mother in 1850. They were married in Norton Township and had but one child, Frank H. The father purchased the farm on which his son lives, when the latter was fifteen years of age, and here he died October 26, 1900. His widow still survives, aged seventy-four years, a lady who is most highly esteemed in this community.

RESIDENCE OF MILTON A. SEIBERLING, NORTON TOWNSHIP

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Frank H. Miller attended the district schools of Norton Township, and his occupation in life has been farming. In 1877, he was married to Sarah Ann Moser, who is a daughter of Louis and Litina Moser, and they have four children: Mattie, who married William Moser, has one child, Roy Daniel; Elsie; Louis D., who resides in Sharon Township, married Nettie Davis, and they have two children, Wanda May and Una Marion; and Earl Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Miller lost one daughter, Carrie. The family belong to the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Miller has been secretary for fourteen years. For several years Mr. Miller has been the treasurer of the Norton Fire Insurance Company.

MILTON A. SEIBERLING, a substantial citizen and successful agriculturist, residing on a small farm of five acres, which is located in Norton Township on the Center road, owns a very valuable farm of 111 acres, which lies on the Hametown road, near Sherman. Mr. Seiberling belongs to a prominent old family of Summit County, and he was born on the farm which is the property of his brother, Gustavus Seiberling, November 20, 1850. His parents were Nathan and Catherine (Peters) Seiberling.

The parents of Mr. Seiberling were both born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and attended school. Shortly after their marriage they came to Norton Township, Summit County, where they lived long and virtuous lives; and when the father died at the age of eighty years, and the mother, aged eighty-four, there were many outside their large family who grieved to lose them from the community in which they had been long noted for their kindness and charity. They were the parents of fifteen children.

Milton Seiberling was reared on the home farm in Norton Township, and, after completing his education in the country schools, he immediately began active farming operations. He remained on the home farm for about four years after his marriage, and then purchased the farm which is occupied by his son-in-law, Robert Helmick, and started at once to make improvements. He removed a house from another farm to the new location, remodeled it, and built a substantial barn, and then set out orchards and a grove of maple trees, and continued improving until his property was equal in value to any of like size in the neighborhood and more attractive than any. On that farm Mr. Seiberling continued to reside, carrying on farming and stock-raising, until in the spring of 1898, when he retired from hard work and settled on his present tidy little place, which it gives him only needful exercise to manage. Mr. Seiberling has always been considered one of the most prosperous farmers of Norton Township on account of his progressive methods and the great interest he always took in his work.

On November 30, 1871, Mr. Seiberling was married to Fayetta Johnson, who is a daughter of Joseph Johnson, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Seiberling have three children: Minnie, who married Harman Dague, resides at Doylestown and has three children—Ethel, Florence and Roy; Martha, wife of Robert Helmick, who operates her father's farm, and who has had two children—one who died in infancy; and Gertrude, the younger; and Ruth, residing at home. Mr. Seiberling and family belong to the Lutheran Church. He is a member of the beneficial order of Pathfinders.

REUBEN STAUFFER, residing on his well-improved farm of forty-two acres, situated in Norton Township, is one of the leading men of his community. He was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1833, and is a son of Abraham and Susan (Ruth) Stauffer. They were farming people and the father also followed carpentering.

Reuben Stauffer was reared in his native county and attended the district schools. He was twenty-one years of age when he came to Summit County, Ohio. Before leaving Pennsylvania he learned the cooper trade and this he followed for a time, but worked mainly as

a carpenter, following that trade for thirty-five consecutive years. During this time he has done a large amount of building through the county, erecting as many as thirty bank barns and many of the most substantial residences in Norton Township. His farming has been of secondary importance.

In 1855 Mr. Stauffer was married to Elizabeth Hartzell, who is a daughter of Isaac and Mary Hartzell. Mrs. Stauffer was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and was ten years old when her parents settled in Norton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer have had three children, namely: Ellen, who married Hower Van Hyning, has two children, Earl and Ethel May, the former of whom married and has one child, Ellen; Harry Abraham, who died aged five years; and Milton Albert.

For seven years following his marriage, Mr. Stauffer lived at Norton Center and then settled on the present farm. They are members of the Reformed Church at Loyal Oak. For thirty years, Mr. Stauffer has served as school director and his fellow-citizens have, on various occasions, elected him trustee and treasurer of the township.

LUTHER A. KUHN, a retired farmer of Northfield Township, who still retains his valuable farm consisting of 114 acres, was born at Northfield, Summit County, Ohio, December 10, 1845, and is a son of William H. H. and Mary (Elder) Kuhn.

The father of Mr. Kuhn was born in Plum Creek Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and he came to Summit County with his wife and one child, settling on land lying on the line separating Northfield and Bedford Townships. He owned 208 acres on which he raised sheep for many years, but later turned his property into a dairy farm. He was a man of substantial character and was frequently chosen for local offices. He supported the Republican party. He married Mary Elder who was born at Blairsville, Pennsylvania, and of their children, the following grew to maturity: Margaret Jane, who married John H. Shirk, residing in Falcon County, Dakota; Luther A.; Elder, who died September 14, 1907, aged sixty years, resided at Lincoln, Nebraska; and Louis and Frank, both residing at Cleveland. The mother of the above family died in 1896, aged seventy-two years. The father passed away in 1894, aged eighty-three years.

Luther A. Kuhn was educated in the common schools and at the age of eighteen years he became a clerk in a general store at Bedford, later entering into business under the firm name of Voght & Kuhn, in the grocery line, at Cleveland, occupying a building near the city market-house, which was owned by Mr. Kuhn's father. Six months later Mr. Kuhn sold his interest and went to Muscatine, Iowa, where he bought a farm of eighty acres, subsequently selling this at an advantage and buying 160 acres, to which he later added a second farm of the same area. These farms he operated for many years, when he sold one, but retains the other, which he rents. In 1867, Mr. Kuhn came back to Northfield Township for a few years and then returned with his wife to Iowa, where he continued to live until 1904. In that year he again came to Northfield Township and took up his residence on what was formerly the McConneaughey farm, which he had bought in 1902. It formerly contained 120 acres, but six acres has been sold to the Lake Erie & Pennsylvania Railroad.

In 1867 Mr. Kuhn was married to Isabella Darrow, who is a daughter of the late Captain Darrow, who died in Cuyahoga County. Mrs. Kuhn is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kuhn is a stanch Republican, but he is no seeker for political recognition.

JOHN CRISP, of the firm of John Crisp and Son, contractors, with offices at Nos. 173-175 Annadale street, Akron, has been a resident of this city for a quarter of a century, and during this period has been one of its most active business men. He was born in 1851, in Northamptonshire, England, where he obtained his education and prior to coming to America in 1872, he learned the trade of brick-layer.

Mr. Crisp crossed the Atlantic Ocean to

Canada, where he spent one year and then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and in the following year built a large church at Painesville. He returned to Canada and lived for three years at Hamilton. In 1878 he located at Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, and several years later came to Akron, then a small city of 12,000 population. He was in partnership with his brother, and the firm of Crisp Brothers was the leading contracting firm in this place for fully fourteen years. John Crisp was then appointed a member of the Board of City Commissioners and performed the duties of that office for four years, and then superintended the building of the Colonial Salt Works, the First National Bank Building, the Stein Block and other structures. In the fall of 1903 Mr. Crisp admitted his son, Edmund Crisp, to partnership, under the firm name of John Crisp and Son, which still continues. Into the hands of this firm has been placed the construction of a number of the most pretentious buildings which have recently added to Akron's architectural beauty. The firm has just completed the Flat Iron Building and has constructed several new school buildings. They also have a large general supply house.

In 1876, Mr. Crisp was married to Susanna Arkall, who was born in Canada, and they have three sons, T. Edmund, Arthur Lee and Roland Earl. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Akron. Mr. Crisp is a Knight Templar Mason, and senior warden of Akron Lodge F. & A. M., and is one of the directors of the Masonic Temple. He is also a director of the Employers' Association and formerly was president of the Builders' Exchange.

JOHN J. WARNER, whose valuable farm of eighty-eight and one-half acres is situated five miles west of Akron, on the highway known as the Akron-Wadsworth road, is a well-known and respected citizen of Norton Township. He was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 23, 1855, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Weaver) Warner.

John Warner was born near East Liberty, Ohio, July 14, 1821, a son of Henry Warner a pioneer of that section. John Warner married Elizabeth Weaver and they had the following children: William, residing in Coventry Township; Henry, residing at Barberton; Samuel, residing in Copley Township; John J.; and Adam, residing in Coventry Township, all being farmers. The mother died in 1905, aged seventy-nine years.

John J. Warner was reared in Coventry Township. In 1877, his father purchased his present farm and John J. settled on it at that time and subsequently bought it. He owned seventy acres of land where Barberton now stands, owning nine of the thirteen acres which comprises Lake Anna. He was the first man to sell his farm to the syndicate that built Barberton. John J. Warner carries on general farming.

By marriage to Sarrah Dreisbach, Mr. Warner became connected with one of the substantial old families of Norton Township. She was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Norton Township in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have had five children, the three survivors being: Fietta, who resides at Young's Crossing, with her venerable grandfather; and Elsie and William, residing at home. Bessie died aged three months, and Roy died aged nine months.

Mr. Warner is numbered with the leading citizens of the township and has served three years as trustee.

ANDREW FENN RICHEY, a successful general farmer of Northfield Township, residing on his valuable farm of 111 acres, on which he makes a specialty of dairying, was born on the Richey homestead, in Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, January 15, 1864, and is a son of Andrew K. and Elizabeth (Bain) Richey.

Andrew K. Richey, father of Andrew F., was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, January 31, 1828, and accompanied his parents to Northfield Township, Summit County, where he taught school in his early years. He subsequently acquired

292 acres of valuable land, on which he carried on general farming and dairying for many years. He became one of the leading men of this section, prominent in church and public affairs, and when he died July 7, 1900, the community felt that it had suffered a deep loss. On November 6, 1856, he married Elizabeth Bain, who is a daughter of Jacob Bain and a granddaughter of James Bain, who came to Ohio from Argyle, New York. Mrs. Richey still survives and was born September 19, 1836. She is a member of the Associated Presbyterian Church, in which her late husband was a trustee and one of the deacons. They had the following children: Margaret Zephina, who married John L. Ritchie; Jacob F. J., residing in Northfield Township; Thomas Tell, residing at Cleveland; Andrew Fenn, residing at Northfield; Emmer Ross, who is deceased; and Elizabeth Catherine, residing with her mother.

Andrew Fenn Richey remained on the home farm until 1887, attending the local schools through boyhood, and worked for his father until 1897. He then purchased sixty-one acres of his present farm, to which he later added fifty acres, all of which he cultivates, together with land that he rents. He keeps twenty cows, making a specialty of dairying and in this industry follows the example of Reverend Deitrich, a Moravian preacher, whose Pennsylvania farm is declared by the United States Department of Agriculture to be the model farm of the country. He keeps his cows in the barn, in sanitary condition, and carries green food to them. He ships his milk to Cleveland. He devotes twenty-five acres to wheat, eighteen to potatoes and has three acres in fruit trees. Mr. Richey has made a scientific study of his various industries and can but be pleased with the application of the principles he has adopted.

Mr. Richey married Chloe M. Mack, who is a daughter of John Mack, of Antrim, Guernsey County, Ohio, and they have three children: Andrew Lawrence, George Grant and Ralph Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. Richey are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

FREEMAN W. STROH, a leading citizen of Barberton and closely identified with many of its interests, is senior member of the prominent lumber firm of Stroh and Millis, which firm owns an extensive lumber yard and a finely equipped planing mill at this point. He is also largely interested in the real estate business. Mr. Stroh was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, September 9, 1864, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Mottinger) Stroh.

Henry Stroh, father of Freeman W., resided formerly at Greensburg, Ohio, where he followed shoemaking in his earlier years, but after moving to Indiana, he confined himself to agricultural pursuits. It was on his father's farm that Freeman W. Stroh was reared, and there he remained until twenty-four years of age, in the meantime securing a good, common school education in the country schools. Following his marriage he farmed for his father-in-law, near Massillon, Ohio, for two years, meeting with success in that industry. He was, however, a natural born mechanic and had never been quite satisfied with raising grain and stock, the constant trend of his mind being in the direction of machinery and the improvement of the same, his spare time all being given to inventions along this line. He therefore moved from the farm into Massillon and after securing several patents on his "brain children," he made up his mind that the most sensible and satisfactory plan would be to enter a machine or foundry business, where his talents could have full play. This state of affairs was soon brought about and for some time prior to 1893, when he came to Barberton, he was engaged in the manufacturing of sawmill machinery, and carrying on a foundry business.

When Mr. Stroh came first to Barberton, he was associated with his brother-in-law, Jacob Milton McIntosh, in operating a foundry for the manufacture of saw mill and wood-working machinery, under the firm name of Stroh-McIntosh Company. The prospects were bright, but the business had been but fairly started when a fire destroyed the factory, entailing great financial loss. Mr.

Stroh, however, is not a man who is easily discouraged, and within sixty days he had started in the turning business, having secured a small factory, where he turned out moldings and interior finishings. He had bought the ground, the same on which his present buildings and yards are located, and during the three years in which he continued alone, he kept increasing his facilities and adding to his buildings until he commanded a trade of large proportions.

After three years' work alone, in the turning business, Mr. Stroh went into partnership with Jacob E. Millis, and the firm style became the Stroh and Millis Company. They now operate a large, thoroughly equipped planing mill, having twenty-eight different machines, and manufacture all kinds of outside as well as inside furnishings for buildings and in addition make doors, sash and showcases. Regular employment is given twelve experienced workmen, and this is a flourishing industry of Barberton, its success being mainly due to Mr. Stroh's energy and enterprise.

On January 15, 1889, Mr. Stroh was married to Cora Alice McIntosh, who was born near Massillon, Ohio, and they have two children, a son and daughter: Lillian Blanche and Byron Freeman. Mr. Stroh and family belong to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at Barberton. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mr. Stroh has always believed in the educational value of useful work and in his own case has proven how sure are the rewards of industry and perseverance along the line of one's natural gifts.

J. IRA EMMETT, has resided on the old Emmett homestead in Springfield Township, for the past twenty years, the valuable farm of 125 acres, on which his grandfather settled in 1832. Mr. Emmett was born on the farm on which he lives, September 15, 1856, and is a son of Franklin and Mary A (Chamberlin) Emmett.

There is not a schoolboy in America who has not sympathized with and longed to emulate the deeds of the Irish patriot, Robert Emmett, and undoubtedly from the same stock came the progenitors of the Emmett family in Summit County. Three brothers of the name came from the north of Ireland to America, in colonial days, separating after reaching these shores, one going South, one settling in the Susquehannah Valley, in Pennsylvania, and later, a branch of the family was found in Illinois, and another in New York. In the main they all possess the same sterling traits which have made of them good citizens and valuable members of society.

The paternal grandparents of J. Ira Emmett were William and Mary (McBride) Emmett, the former of whom was a son of William Emmett, who was of American birth. The grandmother was a native of Columbia County, Pennsylvania. William and Mary Emmett had four children: Franklin; John, who resides in Tallmadge Township, aged seventy years; Mercy Jane, who died aged ten years; and a babe that died in infancy. Franklin Emmett, father of J. Ira, was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1832, and accompanied his parents to Ohio, they settling in Springfield Township, Summit County in his childhood. In 1851, he married Mary A. Chamberlin, who was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, in August, 1829. She was a daughter of Joseph and Agnes (Deal) Chamberlin, and a granddaughter of William Chamberlin, who was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, September 25, 1736.

This ancestor was a man of great prominence during the Revolutionary War, in which he served as lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment under Col. David Chambers, his commission bearing the date of September 9, 1777. In November of that same year, he was ordered by Governor Livingston of New Jersey, to call on Messrs. Penn and Chew, at the Union Iron Works and conduct them to Worchester, Massachusetts, and to deliver them to the council of that State, and he was also directed to purchase in Connecticut or Massachusetts Bay, 20,000 flints for the

council of New Jersey. He participated in the battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778, in which his eldest son, Lewis, was killed by a cannon ball. In 1793 he moved into Buffalo Valley, and on August 16, 1794, he married his fourth wife, Mary Kemble. He was the father of twenty-three children, fifteen of these having been born in New Jersey. The children born to his last marriage were: John, James, Lewis, Mary Frances, who married John Linn, Joseph Park, James D. and Moses.

Joseph Chamberlin married Agnes Deal and they came to Uniontown in 1832, from Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and bought land in Springfield Township. Joseph and Agnes Chamberlin had eight children, as follows: Mary Ann, who married Frank Emmett; Sarah, who married Benjamin Chisnel, both died in Green Township; Rebecca, who married Daniel Zeisloft, a native of Pennsylvania, who is eighty-one years of age and has survived her since 1902; Francis L., residing at Tallmadge; William, residing in Kent, married Mary Barker; John, deceased, married Elizabeth Wise; and Lewis, deceased, married Mary Hageman. There were but two children born to Franklin and Mary A. (Chamberlin) Emmett, namely: William J. and J. Ira. William J. Emmett, residing at Tallmadge, is a traveling salesman for the Russell Manufacturing Company of Massillon. He married Belle G. Treat, who is a daughter of Stanley Treat, and they have three sons: Homer L., Stanley T. and James.

J. Ira Emmett was reared on the old homestead and first attended the district schools in the neighborhood, later becoming a student in the Tallmadge High School and Academy, the family having moved into Tallmadge Township in 1861. After the death of his parents, and his own marriage, Mr. Emmett returned to the old family farm, and here he has continued to live ever since. He has made many improvements and he and family enjoy every comfort to be found in a well regulated rural home. He carries on a general line of agriculture, and has other farm interests outside the old homestead.

On March 3, 1887, Mr. Emmett was married to Mary F. Moore, who is a daughter of Oliver C. and Marion (Golden) Moore, formerly of Richfield township, Summit County, Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born in Summit County, where the former died, in February, 1907, at the age of seventy-three years. Mrs. Moore still survives, aged sixty-seven years. They had two children, namely: Mary F., who became Mrs. Emmett, and Ella, who married Frank Converse. Mrs. Emmett is a graduate of the Akron High School and is a lady of superior educational attainments. Prior to her marriage she taught in the public schools of Summit County and later became the principal of the Tallmadge High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett have two children, Iris M. and Frank Moore, the former of whom is a student in Buchtel Academy, and the latter in the public schools of Springfield Township.

Politically, Mr. Emmett is identified with the Republican party and on numerous occasions he has been elected to township offices, although he has never solicited the same. He has served as a member of the Summit County Republican Executive Committee and has been interested in public affairs to a considerable extent, ever since he was twenty-one years of age. For a period of six years he served as township trustee, and at present is serving both as township clerk and as clerk of the School Board. Having the financial standing as well as the personal qualifications of a representative citizen, Mr. Emmett is naturally frequently consulted concerning public movements calculated to advance the interests of his community, and he is never found unwilling to contribute liberally when the objects meet with his approval. In fraternal life, Mr. Emmett has long been a member of the order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the early members of the Patrons of Husbandry in this section, being fully in sympathy with the Grange movement. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Springfield.

WILLIAM H. WINTER, justice of the peace, president of the Barberton Business Men's Association, and president of the Norton Mutual Fire Association, is a busy and prominent citizen of Barberton. Mr. Winter was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 19, 1858, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Sommer) Winter.

The father of Mr. Winter was born in Pennsylvania, and was a son of Joseph Winter, the latter of whom died in Pennsylvania. Daniel Winter came to Holmes County, Ohio, in 1850, and in 1852 was married to Catherine Sommer, who was born in Holmes County, and was a daughter of Joseph Sommer, a miller, who was an early settler there. In 1868 Daniel Winter and family move to Wayne County, Ohio.

William H. Winter attended the public schools both in Holmes and Wayne Counties, beginning when he was only three and one-half years of age, the school-house at that time being located on his father's farm. Later, he attended the Smithville Academy, and when eighteen years of age, entered the Urbana High School. After completing his own education, Mr. Winter became a teacher, and for twenty-six years he continued to teach, during ten years of the period in Norton Township, Summit County, two years in the West Barberton school, and also near Wooster, in Wayne County, and ended his long and successful educational career, by teaching a term in District No. 9, Coventry Township, Summit County. In 1893, he removed from Wayne County to Norton Township, Summit County. In 1905, when elected to the office of justice of the peace, he quit teaching, but continued to reside on his farm of fifty-seven acres in Norton Township, until February, 1906, when he established his home at Barberton.

In January, 1907, Mr. Winter, embarked in a grocery business at Barberton, in partnership with F. E. Barns. They carry a very complete and well assorted stock, and are centrally located at No. 1021 Wooster Avenue. In March, 1907, Mr. Winter was shown the confidence his fellow-citizens feel in him, by his election to the presidency of the Barberton Business Men's Association, an organization of commercial importance here. The other officers of the association are: E. J. Quigley, vice president; J. W. Rider, secretary and J. H. Miller, treasurer. The Norton Mutual Fire Association was organized in 1872, and Mr. Winter has been its president since 1899. It is in a very prosperous condition and its area of risks covers about nine townships.

In 1883, Mr. Winter was married to Sarah E. Orr, who is a daughter of Thomas B. and Elizabeth Orr. Mr. Winter is an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Barberton and is superintendent of the Sunday school.

LORIN BLISS, township treasurer of Northfield Township, is a prominent citizen and representative agriculturist of this section, and was born in Summit County, Ohio, November 18, 1842. He is a son of Ambrose Williams and Emeline (Palmer) Bliss.

Both the Bliss and Palmer families were early settlers in New England, and both have contributed largely to the country's prominent men in various walks of life. The father of Lorin Bliss was born at Jericho, Chittenden County, Vermont, December 6, 1806. He was a carpenter and builder and in that capacity he came to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1833, to accept work on the public improvements then in progress at Cleveland and Black River, as Lorain was then called. Later he worked on the Ohio canal and built many bridges, locks and gates. He soon began to invest in land, and at the time of his death owned 240 acres, all of which he had accumulated by his own industry. He was a man of sterling character, one of whom his descendants can refer with pride and affection. His death took place when over eighty-seven years of age.

Ambrose Williams Bliss was married May 9, 1839, to Emeline Palmer, who was born at Windsor, Connecticut, April 5, 1815. They had four children: Ellen, Lorin, George and Horace. Ellen, who resides in the old home, acted as township historian for the Western Reserve Historical Society, in the preparation

of the work on "Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve." George, resides in Northfield Township. Horace, died February 20, 1863, from disease contracted while serving as a soldier in the Civil War. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 115th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Ambrose W. Bliss served in many public offices. He was township trustee, for some years was a justice of the peace, and from 1854 until 1860, he served as county commissioner of Summit County. He was an almost life-long member of the American Bible Society. Politically, he was strong in his support of the Republican party. He was one of the contractors of the Cleveland, Zanesville & Cincinnati Railroad. His brother, Hon. George Bliss, was once presiding judge of the Third Judicial District of Ohio. From 1852 to 1854, he represented the 18th Congressional District, in Congress.

Lorin Bliss was educated in the district schools of Northfield Township and remained on the home farm until his marriage, in 1878, when he purchased the place on which he lives. He remodeled the residence and made additions to the other buildings. He carries on mixed farming, cultivating fifty of his eighty-five acres, raising hay, corn, wheat, potatoes and oats and keeping from twelve to fourteen head of cattle.

Mr. Bliss married Mary Emeline Wallace, who is a daughter of James W. Wallace, of Northfield. Mrs. Bliss is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bliss was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a trustee and a steward. He takes a great deal of interest in the Sunday-school, of which he has been superintendent.

Politically a Republican, he has been elected township trustee on two occasions by that party, and has also served as township clerk and supervisor. Prior to the disbanding of the Northfield Grange, he was a member and supporter, and he was identified with and a hearty worker in the order of Good Templars.

HENRY H. WEIMER, a leading agriculturist and prominent citizen of Springfield Township, who owns an excellent farm of seventy acres, was born November 23, 1849, at Marshallville, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of Adam and Lydia (Keiffer) Weimer.

Barnhart Weimer, the grandfather of Henry H., married a Miss Zimmerman, and both died in Germany. Barnhart was in the army and crossed the Alps with Napoleon's army. Their children were: Barnhart; Jacob; Martin, who married Susan Mercer; Adam; Frederick, who married a Miss Fetzer; and Margaret, who married Jacob Boughman. Of this family, Martin, Adam, Frederick and Margaret came to America and all settled in Wayne County, Ohio, Martin being the first to locate there.

Adam Weimer, the father of Henry H., was born in 1824, in Germany, and came to this country about 1840. He was a tailor by trade and worked at Uniontown and at Columbus prior to his marriage, following which he moved to Easton, Wayne County, where he continued tailoring until 1853. In this year Mr. Weimer purchased a farm, on which the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring September 17, 1905, at which time he was rated one of the substantial men of his community, his property consisting of 372 acres of land. Adam Weimer was married to Lydia Keiffer, who was born near Marshallville, Wayne County, Ohio, and they had nine children: Henry H.; Annie Maria, who married Solomon Gerbrick, a resident of Wooster, Wayne County; Barbara, who is deceased; Maggie, who married John Tyler, who resides near Sterling, Wayne County; Albert; William; Eli, who married Annie St. Clair, resides near Smithville, Wayne County; Daniel; and Wesley, who resides near Wooster, married (first) Cora Oller, and (second) Violet Metzer. All of these children, with the exception of Henry H., are residents of Wayne County.

Henry H. Weimer was reared in Wayne County, from whence he came, in March, 1876, to Mogadore, where he was engaged in

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a meat market business until his marriage, at which time he settled on the farm of his father-in-law, Peter Hile. For the past sixteen years he has been operating his present farm, a tract of seventy acres in Springfield Township, where he carries on general farming. In 1903 he erected his fine residence, and in 1905, a large, substantial barn. Mr. Weimer is an up-to-date, practical agriculturist, keeping himself well abreast of all new movements and methods in farming by his membership in the local Grange. He has been a resident of Springfield Township for thirty-one years, while his wife, who was born in the township, has lived here all of her life.

On December 25, 1878, Mr. Weimer was married to Sarah L. Hile, who is a daughter of Peter and Olive (Boyd) Hile. Peter Hile, whose mother had died when he was but ten days old, came as a boy from Pennsylvania to Ohio, with his brother, Jacob Hile, and settled in Norton Township. For seventy years he was a resident of Summit County, and his death occurred February 16, 1905, in his eightieth year, on the farm on which his widow now resides, where she has lived since 1855. Peter Hile married Olive Boyd, who is a daughter of Andrew and Roxie (Atwood) Boyd, the former of whom is a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Connecticut. Ten children were born to Andrew Boyd and wife: Ichabod, who was twice married, (first) to a Miss Clark, who died on Lake Erie, east of Cleveland; Olive, who is the mother of Mrs. Weimer; Urias, who died in California; Mary, who married Ross Thomas; Emma, who married Frank Proctor, resided for a number of years at Mantua, from whence she removed to California, where her husband died; and five children who died in infancy. Two children were born to Peter and Olive (Boyd) Hile, namely: Sarah L. and Emily. The latter married Quincy Monroe. They resided for five years in Suffield Township, then moved to Tennessee and subsequently to Texas, and for the past fifteen years have lived in Oklahoma. They have had eight children, six of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Hile were members of the Mogadore Church of Christ.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Weimer, namely: Elmer and Irwin, who make their home with their parents; and Frank, who died September 17, 1905, aged sixteen years, five months. They belong to the Church of Christ, at East Akron.

FREDERICK RIES, whose beautiful farm of 114 acres lies just east of Johnson's Corners, has resided here for almost a half century and its excellent condition is due to his industry and careful management. Mr. Ries was born in Prussia-Germany, March 24, 1830, and is a son of Christian and Mary Ries.

Although Mr. Ries has developed into an excellent farmer, he was not reared as one. After he had completed his schooling he went to work in a coal bank, with which his father was connected as an outside boss, and he thus continued mining until he was nineteen years of age, when he decided to follow his brothers to America. In July, 1849, he left home for the great country across the water, and, as far as we have been informed, although his thoughts have often gone backward, he has never returned to his native land. The vessel on which he sailed was not a great turbine-wheel mistress of the sea, which takes but four days to cover the distance between Europe and America, but a sailing ship that was on the water forty-nine days before sighting land. Landing at New York he joined his two brothers in Iowa, where he worked for two years in the lead mines, after which he settled in Chippewa Township, Wayne County. There he and his brother, Paul Ries, operated a coal bank. In 1855 he was married, and continued to run the coal bank for five years longer, and then came to the farm on which he has lived ever since. Mr. Ries has retired from active work and rents the farm, but still retains his comfortable home here. Through hard work and persistent effort he has gained an ample fortune which he and his estimable wife can enjoy in their evening of life.

Mr. Ries was married November 23, 1855, to Louisa Klein, who is a daughter of Peter

Klein, who was also born in Germany, but settled in Ohio before the birth of Mrs. Ries. To this marriage thirteen children were born, as follows: Charles, deceased at three weeks; Frederick, who is married and lives at Johnson's Corners; Jacob, married, also lives at the Corners; Emma died aged three years, two months; John, who is married, lives in Indiana; George; Ella, who married Bert Haines; Mary, who died at eleven months; Christian, residing at home; Arthur, married, who lives at Johnson's Corners; Harry, deceased at six weeks; Minnie, who married Andrew Backdur; and Edward.

Mr. Ries, as one of the township's representative men, has served in public office at various times and has been a valuable member of the School Board and an efficient road supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY L. WAGONER, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, has been postmaster at Krumroy for the past twenty-seven years and has been identified with the growth and development of the village. He was born near Manchester, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, March, 8, 1827, and is a son of George and Rebecca (Sowers) Wagoner.

George Wagoner was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1795, and came to Summit County with his parents, in 1812. His father was Henry Wagoner. George Wagoner was married first in Pennsylvania, his second marriage being to Rebecca Sowers. He entered 160 acres of land which Henry L. assisted to clear. He died in 1874, and was survived some fifteen years by his widow. They had a family of ten children, as follows: Catherine, who married Philip Houseman, both died in Indiana; Sarah, who married Aaron Baughman, both died in Norton Township; Henry L.; Philip, who was formerly county commissioner of Summit County, married Hannah Haney; John Jacob, who married Catherine Weaver, resides in Summit County; Harriet, who married Michael Harpster, is a widow residing at Akron; Anna Rebecca, deceased, married (first) Jacob Becker and (second) David Keller; Amanda, who is the widow of John Spangler, who died in the spring of 1907, lives in Franklin Township; and Aaron, who married Amanda Smith, resides on River Avenue, Akron.

Henry L. Wagoner obtained his education in the subscription schools, and continued to assist his father in clearing and developing his land until he reached manhood, in the meanwhile learning the trade of shoemaker. In the early days of the great Rebellion, Mr. Wagoner enlisted for army service, entering Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, in 1861, selecting the cavalry on account of being accustomed to horses and with an idea that he could better stand the hardships he knew were ahead of him. His health broke down, however, and in 1862, he was discharged at Fort Scott, on account of disability. He continued to farm for the next five years and then applied himself exclusively to work at his trade until February, 1886, when he came to Krumroy.

At this time the first trains were running over the Cleveland, Tennessee & Valley Railroad and Mr. Wagoner was made the first agent for the road at this point. In the same year he was appointed postmaster, an office he has held ever since, notwithstanding changes in the administration. There are few as capable officials in the public service who have reached the age of Mr. Wagoner, who is now eighty years old, and there are also few who possess his hearty health and prolonged vigor. He can recall many interesting events concerned with the developing of this section, and remembers when the busy city of Akron was but a straggling village. He has spent his whole life in Franklin and Springfield Townships and is known all over Summit County. At the time of his birth this section was still included in Stark County.

On January 24, 1850, Mr. Wagoner was married to Sarah Ritter, who is a daughter of Isaac and Margaret Ritter. Her people came to Stark County at an early day and settled near Massillon, where her grandfather purchased a section of land, making a home in

the wagon for his family until he could construct a log house in the forest. They were old and honored pioneers. Mrs. Wagoner was reared in Green Township. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner have had the following children: Elnora, who married M. J. Rodenbaugh, resides at Thomastown and they have three children, Burt, Mabel, wife of Thomas Stahl, of Peninsula, Ohio, and Harvey, a merchant at Akron; Lodie, who married (first) Emanuel Hubler and (second) Michael Bennington, is deceased; John Riley died aged three years; Margaret Ann died aged seven years; Amelia, died in infancy, and Isaac Hamlin, resides at Akron.

Mr. Wagoner has always been actively interested in politics and has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party ever since its formation. He has voted for every one of its Presidential candidates from John C. Fremont to Theodore Roosevelt. He is a member of Buckley Post, G. A. R., at Akron. In many ways, Mr. Wagoner is a remarkable man, and is a worthy representative of the sturdy old pioneer family from which he came, possessing not only their robust constitution, but also many of the qualities which made friendships enduring in those days, and honesty and integrity words full of meaning.

ADAM J. FULMER, who was a leading citizen and successful agriculturist of Springfield Township, for many years, was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 20, 1846, and died on his beautiful farm in Springfield Township, October 28, 1905, at the age of fifty-nine years. His parents were Adam and Christina (Bettler) Fulmer.

Both parents of Adam J. Fulmer were born in Germany and in 1833 they accompanied their parents to Stark County, Ohio, where the latter died. After the marriage of Adam and Christina Fulmer, they moved to Green Township and later to Springfield Township, and both died at Brittain, where they were living retired. They had a family that consisted of three sons and four daughters: Jacob, Daniel, Adam J., Catherine, Margaret, Melvina and Charlotta. Of the above family, Jacob is deceased. Daniel married Melvina Baughman. Catherine married Daniel Hawk and they reside in Tallmadge Township. Margaret married Jonathan Weaver and they reside in Portage County. Melvina married Vincent Wagner and they live at Cuyahoga Falls, while Charlotta married Joseph Guiley and they reside in Tallmadge.

Adam J. Fulmer was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools in the neighborhood of his home. He accompanied his parents to Brittain when they settled in the village, but shortly after his marriage, in 1881, he settled on the place which continued to be his home for the rest of his life. His first purchase was of 100 acres, to which he subsequently added the second 100, making the present acreage, and here he carried on general farming for many years, paying particular attention to growing wheat. He was a man of persistent industry and was greatly interested in improving his property, erecting at various times the fine residence and other substantial buildings which add greatly to the value of an already valuable property. Since February, 1903, there have been three oil wells in operation on the farm, all being fine producers. Mr. Fulmer also owned valuable lots in Akron, having accumulated all his property through prudence, good management and industry.

On January 4, 1881, Adam J. Fulmer was married to Mary Ruth, who is a daughter of Charles and Catherine (Vogelman) Ruth, both of whom were born in Germany, the father in 1822 and the mother in 1823. After marriage Charles Ruth and wife settled in Oneida County, New York. Mrs. Ruth died in 1890, and Mr. Ruth six years later. They had four children, namely: Mrs. Fulmer; Louisa, residing with her sister; Lena, residing at Akron, married Cyrus Swinehart, a contractor in that city; and Charles, who conducts a meat business at Utica, New York. He married Lillian Myers, of Rome, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer's family consisted of two children, a son and daughter, Raymond

and Mary Ruth. The former operates the home farm in a very capable manner. He is a young man of talent and education, having graduated at the University of Michigan, in the class of 1905. Miss Mary Ruth is a graduate of the Akron High School and is a student in the freshman year at Buchtel College.

In the death of Adam J. Fulmer, Springfield Township lost a citizen of more than usual worth, for he was a man of sterling character and one whose acts in every phase of life were governed by right motives. He was a man of very practical ideas and he won the respect of those with whom he came into contact either in a business or social way. During all his mature life he was stanch in his adherence to the principles of the Democratic party, by which he was frequently elected to local offices and in performing the duties of these he displayed public spirit as well as efficiency. He was long a useful member of the School Board and served both as supervisor and as township trustee.

LOUIS SCHOTT, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, who has owned and operated what was known as Tritt's mill, since 1890, was born in Grevesmuhlen, Germany, where his parents both died in 1860, victims of small-pox.

Mr. Schott was reared by his grandfather until the latter's death, when he went to live with strangers. He attended school until he was fourteen years of age, according to the excellent German law, and then learned the milling trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1882 he came to America and located at Akron, where he was in the employ of F. Schumacher, and others, for about seven years, and then bought what was known as Tritt's mill. This mill was built in 1836, by the grandfather of Brewster Brothers, who are business men of high standing in Summit County, and it has been in continuous operation ever since. Joseph Tritt bought the mill from Mr. Brewster, and operated it until he sold it to David Brumbaugh, who subsequently sold it to Mr. Elderkin, who assigned it to the man from whom Mr. Schott purchased, in 1890. Since taking possession he has practically rebuilt the mill, putting in new power and making many practical and substantial improvements. It is what is known as a general custom mill, with capacity of twenty-five barrels, and Mr. Schott makes both white and rye flour, together with all kinds of feed. He has constant patronage and does a very large business. Mr. Schott has always been very industrious, careful and frugal, and has made his own way honestly and fairly, without asking aid from any one.

In 1883 Mr. Schott was married to Louisa Schultz, of Akron, who is a daughter of the late George Schultz. Her mother still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Schott have had twelve children, namely: Hans, who died in young manhood, in 1905; Louis, who is a telegraph operator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; Helena, who is a stenographer for the Board Manufacturing Company, of Akron; Charles, who assists his father in the mill; Louisa, who is employed at Akron; Harriet, who is deceased; and William, Sophia, Elmer, Mary, Herman and Frederick, all residing at home. Mr. Schott and family belong to the German Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Republican.

JOHN F. MENTZER, assessor of Norton Township, and the owner of seventy-five acres of very valuable land, which is situated on the Loyal Oak road, about five miles west of Akron, was born on the farm on which he lives, in Summit County, Ohio, September 7, 1865. He is a son of Alexander and Amelia (Blocker) Mentzer.

Alexander Mentzer was born at Canal Fulton, Stark County, Ohio, and died May 16, 1900, aged sixty-four years. His father was John Mentzer, who was a native of Pennsylvania, from which state he moved to Stark County, Ohio, where he owned the farm where the feeder of the Old Ohio Canal enters the Tuscarawas River. In 1850 he bought the farm in Norton Township on which his grandson, John F., resides, and in 1870, Alexander Mentzer bought it from his father's

estate, and, in turn, John F. bought it from Alexander's estate, in October, 1900. Alexander Mentzer married Amelia Blocker. Her father, Eli Blocker was a pioneer of Norton Township, and he owned the farm which is now the property of Joseph Oser, and on that farm Mrs. Mentzer was born. The five children of Alexander Mentzer and wife are: John F.; Charles, residing in Portage Township; Sadie, who married Edgar Poulson, residing at Warren, Trumbull County; Harvey, residing at Garrettsville, Portage County; and Frank, residing at Braceville, Trumbull County.

John F. Mentzer was reared at home and was educated to the age of fourteen years in the country schools, after which he worked as a farmer. For two years following his marriage he lived in Medina County, otherwise, his home has always been in Norton Township. He carries on general farming, and for some years bought and sold many horses. He is considered a very good business man. In addition to farming, Mr. Mentzer frequently spends considerable time auctioneering, and his popularity is shown by his being sent for to cry sales all through the surrounding country.

In 1889 Mr. Mentzer was married to Ella Oplinger, who is a daughter of Nathan Oplinger, and they have four children, namely: Harry, Lloyd, Russell and Morris.

Politically, Mr. Mentzer is a Democrat, and for the past two years has served as assessor of the township. He was a member of the School Board for four years, and at all times shows a good citizen's interest in the township's educational standing. Mr. Mentzer is a deacon in the Loyal Oak Reformed Church and for the past ten years has been church secretary.

CLARENCE HOWLAND, formerly one of Akron's prominent citizens and leading manufacturers, was identified for a quarter of a century with The Thomas Phillips Company, of which he was treasurer at the time of his death, May 6, 1905. Mr. Howland was born in New York.

In 1873 Mr. Howland came to Akron and began work with the company with which he continued to be connected as long as he lived, entering its employ in a humble position, and through merit, advancing until he was one of the most valued members of the firm. He was a man of broad and liberal views, and while his business sagacity made him a factor in that line, his public spirit and his recognition of a citizen's duties, both private and public, made him respected and esteemed in every circle of society.

Mr. Howland was married (first) to Jennie Fouser, and the four children of this union were: Helen, Ruth, George and Frank C. Mr. Howland was married (second) to Josephine Creque, and they had one daughter, Josephine.

EDWARD W. LESER, who conducts a florist business in Coventry Township, near the city limits of Akron, was born January 11, 1875, at Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, and is a son of J. J. Leser. The parents of Mr. Leser are still residents of Bay City, where his father carries on a carpenter and contracting business. He was born at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Leser have seven children, the eldest of whom is Edward W.

Until he was seventeen years of age, Edward William Leser attended the public schools of Bay City, and then entered the employ of the Irvine Company, florists, with whom he remained for nine years, during which time he made a close study of the management and rearing of plants and of all matters concerning their propagation and culture. In the spring of 1898 he came to Akron. He entered the employ of E. J. Bolanz, the leading florist of this city, with whom he continued until 1905, when he purchased Mr. Bolanz's business, which he has successfully conducted ever since. Mr. Leser has 35,000 feet of space under cover and owns ten acres of ground. His buildings have modern equipments to produce the proper climatic conditions, he keeps four men employed and does a very large wholesale business, and enjoys the largest trade in his line in this city. His

greenhouses are delightful to visit, with their abundance of bloom and fragrance, and his growths include all varieties of plants, except palms. He is a self-made man and his success shows the value of industry and concentration of effort.

Politically, Mr. Leser is a Republican.

CHARLES ROEGER, one of the leading business men of Springfield Township, a member of the manufacturing firm of Roeger Brothers, was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, September 17, 1875. His parents are Christian and Rosanna (Ribold) Roeger.

Christian Roeger was born in Germany in 1844 and came to America in 1870, locating at Akron, but removing to Tallmadge six months later, where he remained for four and one-half years working for Sperry & Baldwin. In 1875 he came to Brittain, Springfield Township, and in the following year organized the present business which is now so successfully managed by his two sons, his successors. He started with a repair shop and increased his facilities as his business grew, remaining as its active head for twenty-four years. In many ways Christian Roeger is a remarkable man. He landed at Akron with a knowledge of the blacksmith trade, but with only forty-eight cents capital. At first, to provide for his immediate wants, he cut timber in South Akron for the building of Buchtel College. He was married at Canton to Rosanna Ribold, who was born in 1850, and they had four children, the three survivors being: Charles, George W. and Archer. Elbert J., who was born in 1882, died unmarried in 1895. The parents of this family reside at Brittain, worthy and highly respected people.

Charles Roeger attended the schools near his home, and as soon as old enough began to work in his father's shop, and until 1906, devoted himself almost entirely to the painting department of the business, since which time he has exercised a general superintendence. Charles Roeger married May L. McChesney, who is a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Wise) McChesney, and they have two children, Glynn and Reginald. Mr. Roeger is a member of the East Market Street Reformed Church, in which he is a deacon. He belongs to Apollo Lodge, No. 61, East Akron, Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a Republican.

George W. Roeger, who is his brother's partner in the firm of Roeger Brothers, was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, in March, 1878. He was educated in the local schools and, like his older brother, early began work in his father's shop. He was married to Anna Brubaker, September 17, 1902, and they have one child. Politically, he is a Republican. He is a member of the East Market Street Reformed Church.

The firm of Roeger Brothers does a very large business. It is one of the oldest houses of its kind in this section and it has gained the confidence of the public through honorable business dealing and high quality of goods. The factory is located at Brittain. The firm manufactures different kinds of carriages and wagons and deals also in harness and farm implements, twelve men being given constant employment. Their repair shop alone does a business of from $5,000 to $6,200 per year, and their new business amounts to from $5,000 to $6,000 annually. The present factory was built about 1892 and has been remodeled several times since, excellent facilities now being afforded.

RUSSELL T. DOBSON, one of Akron's practical and successful business men, who is president and manager of the Dobson Building Company, has been an active and valued citizen of this place since 1892. He was born in 1861, at Battle Creek, Michigan, removing from there with his parents when eleven years of age, and settling at Toledo.

Mr. Dobson was mainly educated at Toledo, both in the public schools and in that other school, a printing office.

In 1880, with W. B. Dobson, his brother, he purchased the newspaper property of The Wood County *Democrat*, at Bowling Green, Ohio, where he resided until 1889, serving

as postmaster during the administration of President Cleveland. He then moved to Defiance, Ohio, where he published the Defiance County *Democrat,* and also the Daily *News.* In 1891 he removed to Springfield, Ohio, and there engaged for a year in the publication of the Daily *Democrat,* and then came to Akron. Mr. Dobson and his brother established here a newspaper under the name of the Daily *Democrat,* which is now known as the Daily *Times,* which he continued until 1897, when he sold out, and in the following year took over the management of the *Beacon-Journal,* and was owner and manager of the same until 1903, when he sold out his newspaper interests.

Mr. Dobson then turned his attention to other lines, and shortly afterward erected the Dobson Building, one of the most modern, sanitary and convenient office buildings in Akron. It is five stories in height, situated on the corner of Howard and Main Streets, occupying 74 feet on the latter, with 110 feet of depth, and with two basements.

In 1885 Mr. Dobson was married to Jennie A. Wiley, of Bowling Green, Ohio, and they have one son, Russell T., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Dobson attend the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

HARRY A. COCHRANE, one of Northfield Township's representative citizens and successful agriculturists, was born at Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1866, and is a son of Huston and Rachel (Scroggs) Cochrane.

Huston Cochrane was born at Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he received a common school education and learned the trade of potter, which he followed for nearly twenty-five years, owning his own kilns and making stone, china and all kinds of earthenware. About 1874 Mr. Cochrane sold his pottery, and purchased a farm at Latrobe, on which he resided for nine years, and at the end of that time came to Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, purchasing the old Griswold farm of 106 acres, on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring July 1, 1906. Mr. Cochrane was a Republican in politics, and while at Ligonier, Pennsylvania, served as tax collector and school director for three years. He married Rachel Scroggs, who was a daughter of Rev. Joseph Scroggs, a clergyman of the United Presbyterian Church, who preached for fifty years in the Ligonier Valley. There were six children born to this union, namely: Laura, who is the wife of William McFarland, of Latrobe; James Edwin, who died in infancy; Joseph, who is deceased; Harry A.; Aggie, who is the wife of George McFarland, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and Thomas, who died at the age of five years. The mother of these children, who is now seventy-three years old, makes her home with her son Harry A., and is a devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which her husband was an elder for thirty years.

In 1885, after coming to Summit County, Harry A. Cochrane entered the Northfield High School, and after graduating there he took a course in the Cleveland Business College. For some time afterward he traveled for the Brooks Oil Company, and also handled agricultural implements for a while. About 1900 he bought a one-half interest in the Macedonia Milling Company, taking full charge of buying and selling, also running a cider press and apple jelly factory in connection. He closed this business out in 1905. Since then he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising, devoting seventy-eight acres of his property to raising corn, oats, wheat and hay, and from twelve to fifteen acres to growing potatoes. Mr. Cochrane keeps from six to eight head of cattle, raises young stock, and keeps about nine head of horses. He uses the most modern methods in operating his farm, and is considered one of Northfield Township's good, practical agriculturists.

Mr. Cochrane was married to Myrtle Nesbitt, who is a daughter of James Nesbitt, one of Northfield Township's most prominent citizens, who was county commissioner of

Summit County for seven years. Two children have been born to this union: Helen Rachel and Lucille, the latter of whom died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane are members of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. In political matters Mr. Cochrane is an independent Republican.

M. B. SHUMAKER, of Shumaker and Company, boot and shoe merchants, at Akron, with business located at No. 17 South Howard Street, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of William and Margaret (Blocker) Shumaker.

William Shumaker, father of M. B., accompanied his father, also William Shumaker, to Wayne County from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1823, and resided on his farm, which his father had secured from the government, until his death, in February, 1907, at the age of eighty-seven years. He married Margaret Blocker, who died in 1856. They had six children, the five now living being: Amanda, who married D. T. Frank, and residing at Massillon; Lee C., who is engaged in business at Lorain, Ohio; John F., who is one of the infirmary directors of Medina County; M. B., of Akron; and W. W. Shumaker, who is engaged in farming in Wayne County.

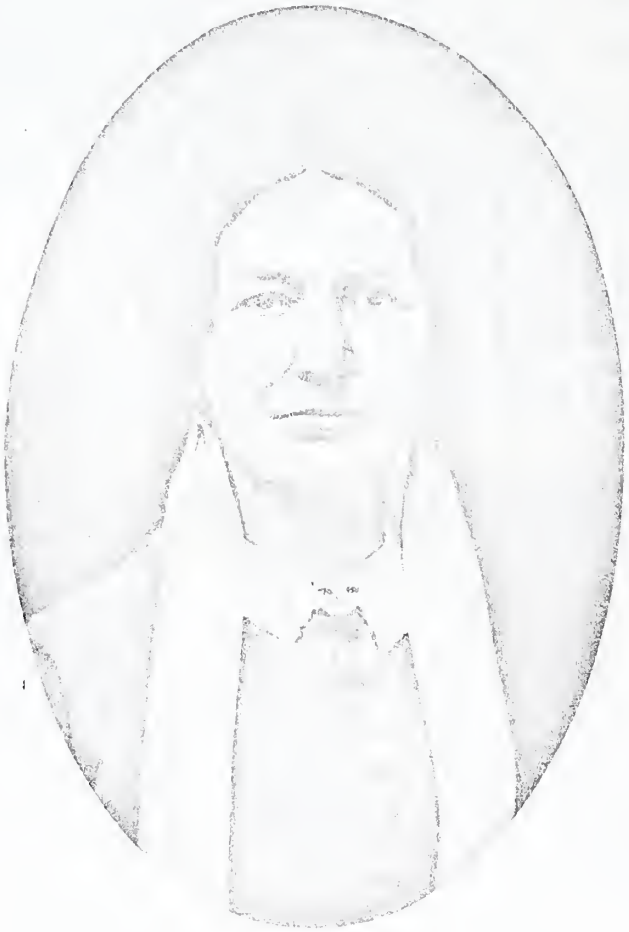
M. B. Shumaker attended the country schools, and when twenty-one years of age he left the farm and came to Akron. Here he began to learn the shoe business with Bowman and McNeil, with whom he remained four years, later spending one year at Youngstown. In 1880, he went to Helena, Montana, where he remained for fifteen months, going thence to California, Washington and Oregon, and remaining in the far West until 1884. He then returned to the East and was engaged in a shoe business at Massillon, Ohio, until 1891. Ill health kept him out of business for a year, but in 1892, seeing a good opening at Akron, he embarked in a shoe business in this city, beginning on a limited scale, with one clerk and an office boy. His entrance into business was in one way at an unfavorable time, the small-pox epidemic immediately following; nevertheless he was able to achieve progress from the first, and now owns one of the finest shoe stores in Akron. He carries a large and varied stock, to suit every taste, has modern equipments, and gives constant employment to seven assistants, and on Saturdays, when the country people come to the city to supply their needs, he requires four extra helpers. Mr. Shumaker attributes his success to fair and courteous dealing, and to the excellence of the stock he carries. He is one of the directors of the Dollar Savings Bank at Akron.

On April 15, 1885, Mr. Shumaker was married to Ella B. Hawkins, who is a daughter of Nelson C. Hawkins, of Portage Township, Summit County, and they have one son, Lloyd, who is a student in the Akron High School. Mr. Shumaker is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Odd Fellows. He belongs to the West Hill Congregational Church, of which he was a trustee for several years. He is conceded to be one of Akron's representative business men.

ORISON M. MOORE, general farmer and dairyman, operating his valuable farm of some seventy acres, is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Stow Township. He was born in Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, December 20, 1847, and is a son of Samuel Lucius and Sally H. (Randall) Moore.

The father of Mr. Moore was born May 29, 1819, at Middletown, Connecticut, and accompanied his parents when they moved first to Pennsylvania, and some years later to New Portage, Ohio, where they purchased a small farm. They were Lester H. and Ruth (Smith) Moore. They had the following children: Lois B., who was born January 31, 1816; Samuel Lucius; Mary A., who was born in 1822; Orison Erskine, born in 1823; Rufus Spalding, who was born in 1826; John Humphrey, who was born in 1829; Juden Harrison, who was born in 1833; Polly O., who was born in 1836; Orville Smith, who was born in 1839; and Sarah Lucretia, who was born in 1841.

AARON MORRISS



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Samuel Lucius Moore worked in youth on his father's farm and subsequently acquired property of his own, which included a one-half interest in a pottery, in Suffield Township, where he worked for some years as a turner. He became a man of local prominence in Suffield Township and served as a trustee. In April, 1869, he came to Stow Township and purchased the farm on which his son, Orison M., resides, which was the old Wetmore homestead, and at that time contained about 120 acres. The railroad has taken some eight acres of the original farm. On this property Mr. Moore raised many sheep, having been previously engaged in this industry in Suffield Township, and also carried on general farming and dairying. He died on the present farm May 19, 1886, leaving his property to his heirs, Orison M. having the use of the present farm as long as he lives. Of his seven children, but two grew to maturity: James S., residing also in Stow Township, and Orison M.

Orison M. Moore enjoyed educational advantages, completing his education in the Suffield High School, at Randolph. He assisted his father on the homestead, and has resided in Stow Township ever since his marriage. For nine years following his father's death he rented the present farm, but since 1898 has had the sole control. During this time he also cultivated a farm which Mrs. Moore inherited from her father, and which is still her personal possession. Mr. Moore raises wheat, oats, corn and potatoes, and keeps twelve head of cattle through the winter and sells his milk to the Co-operative Creamery at Stow. He is also interested in raising poultry and supplies a large demand from Silver Lake.

Mr. Moore was married to Clara Wetmore, who belongs to an old and distinguished family of this section. She is a daughter of Edwin and Polly (Wetmore) Wetmore. The Wetmore family came originally from Wales, in the persons of three brothers, Seth, Chauncy, and one whose name has been lost. Seth settled in Connecticut and the Wetmores of Stow Township descended from him. His son William was the first justice of the peace in Stow Township. He was known as Judge Wetmore and was the grandfather of Mrs. Moore. His children, Edwin, William, Henry, Ogden and Clarissa, were his heirs, and Edwin owned some 200 acres. He built the house which belongs to the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Moore. He was a justice of the peace and a man of consequence in this part of Summit County. He was born in 1798 and died December 25, 1872.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had seven children, the three survivors being one daughter and two sons: Grace Claribel, Henry W. and Arthur Garfield. Mrs. Moore is a valued member of the Disciples Church at Stow Corners.

In politics, Mr. Moore votes with the Republican party in national matters, but prefers to be independent in local affairs. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, and is past commander of the Maccabees, is past president and a trustee of the Pathfinders, at Cuyahoga Falls, is past chief ranger and a trustee of the Foresters at Cuyahoga Falls. He takes an active interest in the public affairs of his neighborhood when benevolent movements are organized. Mr. Moore and family are people who enjoy the highest measure of public esteem.

AARON MORRISS, a native of Winstead, Connecticut, who died on his farm in the southeast part of Tallmadge Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1871, aged seventy-one years, was one of the leading men of this section, and a type of that strict uncompromising integrity which makes men honored whether rich or poor.

The name of Morriss is attached to that immortal document, *The Declaration of Independence*, and the lady who is the sole representative of the family, in Tallmadge Township, Miss America Morriss, is a lineal descendant of the signer. Her paternal grandparents died when her father, the late Aaron Morriss, was a child. He had two brothers and two sisters. One brother, Andrew Morriss, owned a home at Bridgeport, Connecticut, adjoining

that of the late P. T. Barnum, while the other brother lived at New Haven. One sister married Mr. Hill, who was superintendent of the Marine Hospital at New Haven, and the other sister became the wife of Rev. Lewis Fisk, who was the first person to be interred in what was then called the New Evergreen Cemetery, at New Haven.

Aaron Morriss spent his first twenty-one years mainly at New Haven and Winstead, where he learned the carpenter's and cabinet-maker's trades. In pursuit of business, he then accompanied Peter Hepburn to Savannah, Georgia, where he lived for thirteen years, engaged in building and contracting. He became a man of consequence there, took an active interest in the public life of the city and, on account of his sterling qualities as well as his personal appearance and dignified bearing, he was selected as one of the committee of Savannah citizens to receive and welcome General Lafayette, when he visited that city in 1824. Mr. Morriss was known as a very liberal man and is said to have contributed fifty dollars to every church built in the community in which he lived. He made many and warm friends in the southern city, even when a cordial feeling was not the normal attitude between New England and Georgia.

After he returned to New Haven, Mr. Morriss was married to Sarah Isbell, who was a daughter of Israel and Sallie (Pardee) Isbell. Her maternal grandmother was Rebecca Beecher, who was a sister of the late Dr. Lyman Beecher. Israel Isbell and wife died at Milford, Connecticut. They had the following children exclusive of Mrs. Morriss: David, who subsequently came to Tallmadge, who married Charlotta Beach, a very aristocratic lady of Milford. After his death in Tallmadge, she married the Reverend Mr. Platt, and died at Oberlin, Ohio. Israel, a cabinet-maker by trade, also came to Tallmadge. He married Huldah Wooding, of New Haven, Connecticut. Josiah Pardee married Mary Andrew, of Connecticut, and they remained in that state. Polly married Benedict Merwin and went to reside on Long Island. Irene, the youngest, married Bela Clark and they remained at Milford, Connecticut.

At the time of her marriage to Aaron Morriss, Sarah Isbell was the widow of Captain Freegift Coggeshall. Mr. and Mrs. Morriss had two children—America, who was born in Tallmadge Township, Summit County, in 1835; and Corinne, born in 1836, who died December 25, 1894. Few young ladies of their day enjoyed better educational advantages than were given the Misses Morriss. They attended the Ravenna select school conducted by Miss Curtis, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, Massachusetts; later, the Hudson Female Seminary, in charge of Miss Lee, and still later the Ontario Female Seminary, at Canandaigua, New York, where they remained until they completed their education. They returned to Tallmadge where they exerted a wholesome influence of culture and refinement. The father took great pride in his daughters, and the family relations were marked by the most perfect congeniality. The beloved mother, who was born at Milford, Connecticut, in 1801, survived to the age of seventy-eight years, passing away in 1879, having survived her husband for eight years.

Aaron Morriss made an early visit to Summit County, but was not so impressed with the country at that time as to invest in land, but after his marriage he returned and settled on the farm which remained his home until the close of his life. The confinement incidental to his trade acted unfavorably on his health, and he was obliged to give it up and seek an out-door life, but his talent as a worker in wood, never permitted him to entirely lay aside his tools. Before leaving his native state he had fashioned furniture that probably still is in use in Yale College, and had also done a large amount of building.

The land that Mr. Morriss purchased in Tallmadge Township was a tract of 155 acres, and of it he made a model farm. No unsightly stumps were left to mar the even beauty of his fields and meadows, while all his build-

ings were kept in the best of repair and were suited to their needs and adequately equipped. He was a natural architect and when building or making repairs, first laid out a plan and followed it. As his daughter views her comfortable home she can recall how her father carefully fitted each bit of material as he was partially rebuilding, and the great pillars of the porch, of solid black walnut, were chiseled out by his skilled hands with the truest accuracy. All he did was in the same careful way. He took delight in growing fruits and vegetables, and in improving his surroundings, and enjoyed comfort in the quiet, refined peace of his home, where at last he passed peacefully away.

Miss America Morriss now owns the old homestead farm which her father bought in the year preceding her birth, and she also owns city property in Akron. For many years she has admirably administered her own affairs and is known as an excellent business woman as well as a lady of great charity and of warm, true hospitality. She attends the Congregational Church at Tallmadge.

DAVID R. FERGUSSON, the efficient city marshal at Barberton, is serving in his fifth successive term in his present capacity. He was born at Lockland, Ohio, August 14, 1875, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Campbell) Fergusson.

The parents of Mr. Fergusson moved to Akron in 1879, and to Barberton, in 1883, his father in that year entering the employ of the American Straw Board Company at this place. He built the first house in the new part of Barberton, west of the Erie Railroad. William Fergusson still survives, but his wife died in March, 1905.

David R. Fergusson was educated in the schools of Akron and of New Portage, up to the age of fourteen years, when he started to work for the American Straw Board Company, then known as the Portage Straw Board, remaining about seven years. From that company he went to the American Sewer Pipe Works, first as kiln setter and later as fireman, remaining until 1900, when he was first elected town marshal. Prior to this, from 1899 to 1900, he had served as chief of the fire department and so efficiently as to gain the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He has subsequently been re-elected marshal and his last election was by a majority of 300 votes.

In June, 1904, Mr. Fergusson was married to Mary Willems, who is a daughter of Frederick Willems, and they have one son, David, Jr.

Mr. Fergusson belongs to the Masons, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, being a captain of the Uniform Rank in the latter organization.

PERRY R. MILLER, who came to Barberton in 1892, one of its first home-makers, resides at No. 926 Wooster Avenue, where his beautiful dwelling is surrounded by two acres of improved land. For many years prior to that date he was a large farmer and successful dairyman in Norton Township. He was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 29, 1855, and is a son of Cyrus and Hannah (Reese) Miller.

Cyrus Miller was also born in Norton Township, but the grandfather of Perry R. Miller was born in Ireland. He emigrated to America and lived for a time in Summit County, but later moved to Illinois, and both he and wife died there before the birth of their grandson. Cyrus Miller worked as a tailor during some of his earlier years, on account of an accident, which resulted in the loss of a leg, which for a time prevented agricultural work, but he subsequently became a farmer in Norton Township. He died at Akron, aged eighty years, his wife dying when seventy-eight years old. They had six children, namely: Wellington, residing at Barberton; Wealthy, who died in girlhood from being accidentally burned; Perry R.; Wilbur and Willis, twins, the latter of whom is deceased, the former residing at Barberton; and Arthur, residing at Akron.

Perry R. Miller was reared on the home farm in Norton Township, in which, with the exception of one year, 1865, when the family resided at Wadsworth, he has spent his life.

He at one time owned 240 acres of land, in two farms, and for many years resided on one of 190 acres, which belonged to his wife and her mother. During the winter of 1906-7 he sold that farm but retains one of fifty acres, which, with his property at Barberton, still leaves him the owner of some very valuable realty. He was educated in the district schools of Norton Township, after which he taught school for about three years, but later turned his entire attention to farming and dairying, in which he met with much success.

Mr. Miller married Addie L. Dickerman, who is a daughter of Simeon and Mary Ann Dickerman, who came early to Norton Township. Mr. Dickerman is deceased, but Mrs. Dickerman resides with Mr. and Mrs. Miller. The latter have two sons, Vernon and Leland.

Mr. Miller has always taken an active and intelligent interest in township affairs, and on numerous occasions has been called on by his fellow citizens to accept office, and has served most acceptably as township clerk and trustee. He is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Barberton, in which he is steward, trustee and treasurer, and also serves as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. He occupies himself mainly in looking after his real estate interests, which he has lately increased. He is a man of public spirit and the improvements he puts on his properties add to their value and also to the general appearance of the town.

GEORGE A. BOTZUM, proprietor of one of the leading mercantile establishments at Akron, the George A. Botzum Company, dealers in dry goods and ready-to-wear garments, was born in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 31, 1858, and is a son of Adam Botzum.

The Botzum family is of German extraction and it was the grandfather, John George Botzum, who brought his family from Germany and settled in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1836, securing Government land, on which he lived for the remainder of his life. The village of Botzum, in that section, is named for this respected family. The late Adam Botzum was six years old when he accompanied his father to America. He was born at Strasburg, Germany, October 25, 1830, and died in Northampton Township, where his long, useful and honored life was passed, October 15, 1907. He was an old-school, Jeffersonian Democrat and an important factor in the political life of his community. He served as township trustee and on the School Board and both in public and private life was an ideal citizen.

George A. Botzum was reared on the old homestead, and from the local schools entered Buchtel College, where he was graduated in the normal course, in 1879, in the meantime teaching school, alternating as a teacher and a pupil. In 1880 he came to Akron and entered the dry goods store of Hall Brothers. For nine years he served as manager and went from there to the Boston store, where he remained seven years, going then to A. Polsky, with whom he continued for eight years. With all this mercantile experience, Mr. Botzum felt qualified to embark in the business for himself, and September 23, 1904, he opened up his present business, under the firm name of the George A. Botzum Company. The firm is established at Nos. 9-11 South Howard Street, occupying three floors, two of which are devoted to the exhibition of cloaks and ready-to-wear garments. Fourteen people are required to show goods and the volume of trade is on the increase. Good taste in the selection of stock, honest methods and courteous treatment are all contributing causes to the success of this enterprise.

On September 4, 1883, Mr. Botzum was married to Maud Fayerweather, who is a daughter of James B. Fayerweather, who was a pioneer in Boston Township. Mr. and Mrs. Botzum have three children: Floyd A., who is a graduate of the Akron High School, and assists his father in the store; Jennie B., who is a student at Mt. Union College; and Lydia E., who is a student at Buchtel College. Mr. Botzum and family belong to West Hill Con-

gregational Church. He is a member of the beneficiary order of Protected Home Circle.

JOHN FREDERICK HANKEY, a general farmer residing on his well-cultivated farm of eighty acres, situated in Copley Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 24, 1855, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Witmer) Hankey.

Samuel Hankey came to Ohio in young manhood and shortly afterward was married to Mary Witmer, who, like himself, had been born in an eastern State. They lived at Akron for a short period and then moved to a farm of 163 acres, in Copley Township, where they continued to live for forty years, removing then to a farm near White Elephant, on which both died. Samuel Hankey lived to be seventy-four years old, but his wife died at the age of sixty-one. The venerable father of Samuel Hankey, Lewis Hankey, accompanied his son to Copley Township. He was a man well-known, being a shoemaker by trade and a preacher by profession. He died aged eighty-eight years. Samuel Hankey and wife had five children, as follows: David; Ellen, who married P. G. Prentice; Catherine, deceased, who married Charles Traver; John Frederick, and Elizabeth, who married J. D. Arnold.

Shortly after his birth, the father of John Frederick Hankey, bought land where South Akron now stands. When he was eight years old, Mr. Hankey remembers walking almost the whole way to the farm which his father had purchased in Copley Township, the same which he now owns. Here he was reared and the little schooling he was able to get was obtained in the district schools. On January 1, 1878, he was married, and then bought the home farm, which he has since continued to operate. He has done a great deal of improving, putting up the present substantial buildings, and has a comfortable home and valuable property. He set out the orchard and all the other trees.

Mr. John F. Hankey married Emma E. Cary, who is a daughter of Amos and Sarah (Heistand) Cary, the former of whom was born in Wayne County, and the latter in Copley Township, Summit County. Mrs. Hankey's maternal grandparents were Abraham and Sarah (Arnold) Heistand. Her parents both died in Copley Township, in 1906, the father aged seventy-five years and the mother sixty-nine years. They had four children: Albert; Emma; Della M., who married Frank Lyon; and Lettie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hankey have one son, Harry Wilbur, who was born September 6, 1883, and lives at home with his parents. The family belongs to the United Brethren Church, Mr. Hankey being one of the stewards. They are well-known and highly esteemed people in Copley Township.

GEORGE A. PFLUEGER, president of the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, of Akron, Ohio, one of Akron's oldest and most substantial manufacturing enterprises, and the largest of its kind in this country, was born in Akron in 1871, and is the son of the late E. F. Pflueger, the founder of the company.

George A. Pflueger was reared and educated in Akron, and from the public schools of this city he entered his father's factory, where he received the technical training necessary for a business of this character. In 1889 Mr. Pflueger took charge of a branch factory at North St. Paul, Minnesota, returning to Akron in 1895, and has since been actively engaged in the various departments of the business. He was elected to the position of vice-president in May, 1901, and filled that office until November, 1903, when he was elected to his present position as president of the company. His years of training in the harness ornament and fishing tackle business, together with his natural business abilities, well fit him for the position of chief of a large industrial enterprise.

In 1896 Mr. Pflueger was married to Miss Sarah J. Earhuff, of St. Paul, Minnesota. They have five children resulting from such union, namely: Marjorie, Virginia, Harriet, George and Sarah. Mr. Pflueger is a Mason

and belongs to various branches of the fraternity of Akron.

The late Mr. E. F. Pflueger, father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Baden, Germany, in February, 1843, and died November 18, 1901. He was brought to America in early childhood. He was soon orphaned by the premature death of his parents, and through difficulties and privations, by force of natural ability and sterling character, developed himself into a man of prominence and fortune. At his death he left as a fitting monument to his efforts and years of industry the great manufacturing concern which his sons now operate. The Enterprise Manufacturing Company was founded by E. F. Pflueger in 1880, incorporated in 1886, and from its inception has been a leader in its line.

H. H. TAYLOR, president of the Long-Taylor Company, at Akron, has been a resident of this city for twenty years and has done his part in advancing her interests. He was born at Tallmadge, Ohio, in 1872, and is a son of the late Samuel C. Taylor. The Taylor family is one of the oldest in Summit County. Samuel C. Taylor was born in Tallmadge Township in 1837, and became one of the leading men of his day in this locality. His death took place March 19, 1905.

H. H. Taylor was reared and educated in Tallmadge until he prepared for college, and then spent two years at Buchtel College. When he entered into business at Akron it was as shoe salesman for C. A. Barnes and Company, proprietors of the Black Bear Hat Store, where he remained three years. He then continued two years with A. L. Bowman and Company, who purchased the shoe department of the other firm. During the next two years he was connected with S. E. Phinney & Company, and then became a member of the firm of M. S. Long & Company. This firm was succeeded by that of Long & Taylor, which was later incorporated as The Long & Taylor Company, which is recognized as one of Akron's leading business firms.

On September 21, 1905, Mr. Taylor was married to Mary A. Stoley, of Akron, and they have one daughter, Mary Alta. Mr. Taylor is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Akron, and to Alkoran Shrine and Lake Erie Consistory, at Cleveland.

HON. THOMAS WRIGHT, a prominent citizen of Springfield Township, who served in the Ohio State Legislature from 1890 until 1891, declining renomination, is a representative of a leading pioneer family of this section. Mr. Wright was born in Tompkins County, New York, February 22, 1830, and is a son of Thomas Wright, Sr., and his wife, Lucy (Kirkman) Wright. Thomas Wright, Sr., and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1867. They were born and married in England. Four of their children were born in England and two after they came to America. They were: George, James, Jemima, Josiah, Thomas and Lucy. The eldest son, George Wright, died some years since at the home of his sister, in Michigan. In his earlier years he taught school and then engaged for a time in farming, later becoming a merchant. He married twice, his wives being sisters by the name of Williams. James Wright, now deceased, farmed during his earlier years, and then became a bookkeeper, residing in Akron. He married Mary Buechtel, who was a sister of John Buechtel. Jemima, the eldest daughter, residing on her farm in Michigan, is the widow of William Harris, who died on his farm in the neighborhood of Hudson, Michigan. Josiah Wright (deceased) was educated at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and then went to Virginia as a teacher. He married there, and after the death of his first wife, married again, and subsequently moved to Missouri, where he engaged in a lumber business. Lucy A., the youngest member of the family, died in the winter of 1906. Prior to her marriage with Andrew Jackson, she was a school teacher, a profession her husband also followed. Later Mr. and Mrs. Jackson moved to Akron, where he and his sons went into the lumber business. One son, Dr. Thomas Jackson, went

to the Philippine Islands in the service of the government.

Thomas Wright was gifted by nature with a quick intelligence, and, although his schooling was limited to attendance at the public or district schools, by home study he became quite well informed. He prepared himself for teaching school, and taught for two terms in Coventry Township so satisfactorily that he was besought by his patrons to continue in the educational field after his marriage. He thought it best, however, to turn his attention to farming, and began on rented land in Springfield Township, but later he purchased the old Wright homestead, on which his father had settled in 1837. This property was partly cleared but the country round about was but thinly settled. The aged parents lived in this home until death. They were typical pioneers and are remembered with the respectful affection by their children.

In October, 1852, Thomas Wright was married to Elizabeth A. Henderson, who died in May, 1904, aged seventy-two years. She was a daughter of James and Mary (Smith) Henderson residents of Springfield Township, who reared a large family which still has numerous descendants in this locality. Mrs. Wright was a teacher prior to her marriage. She was a most estimable woman, fulfilling every duty as wife, mother and neighbor. For many years she had been a consistent member of the Pleasant Valley Methodist Episcopal Church, and she was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining. Her happy married life had covered fifty-two years. She was permitted to enjoy the celebration of their Golden Wedding, on October 5, 1902, a memorable occasion to all who were permitted to participate in its quiet festivities. The children born to Thomas Wright and wife who reached maturity were: James F., John F., Lucy J., Myron T. and Edwin E. All the children, both of Thomas Wright, Sr., and Thomas Wright, Jr., who attained maturity were school teachers.

James F. Wright, eldest son of Thomas Wright, Jr., residing near his father and engaged in farming, is one of the leading citizens of Springfield Township. He married Mary Steese and they have three children. Lucy, the only daughter, was educated very thoroughly and became a teacher. She married Herman G. McChesney, who is in the rural mail service, and resides at Akron. Mr. McChesney owns an excellent farm of forty acres near Krumroy. Mr. and McChesney have one son in the mail service, and two other children residing at home. Edwin E., the second son of Mr. Wright, engaged in teaching prior to his marriage, but for a number of years has been prominently associated with newspaper work. He was first connected with the Akron *Journal,* later the Cleveland *Press,* then the Pitsburg *Dispatch,* and the New York *Press,* but now fills the editorial chair of the Youngstown *Telegram.* He married Lucy Carl of Mogadore, Ohio.

In his early political life, Mr. Wright was a Whig, casting his first presidential vote for Gen. Zachery Taylor. He came into sympathy with the party that made John C. Fremont its standard-bearer, then voted for Abraham Lincoln and for every subsequent Republican candidate. He saw service during the Civil War, enlisting in Company H, 164th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in 1864, with the rank of corporal. He has long been an active factor in politics in Summit County, but has seldom accepted political office of any kind, although well qualified to do so. In 1889 he was elected a member of the State Legislature and served through one term with fidelity and efficiency, but no arguments were sufficient to induce him to be again a candidate.

Mr. Wright's fraternal connections are with Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Akron, and with Akron Lodge, No. 83, A. F. & A. M. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOSIAH BROWN, funeral director and furniture dealer at Cuyahoga Falls, was born in Summit County, Ohio, April 28, 1838, and is a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Pontious) Brown.

Jacob Brown, the paternal grandfather of Josiah Brown, was born in Pennsylvania, but

died in Stark County, Ohio, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He had a family of thirteen children and of these Simon was the eldest. The latter was born in Pennsylvania and came to Summit County about 1835. He died in 1895, aged eighty-four years. After reaching Cuyahoga Falls he learned the cabinet-making trade, with J. T. Holloway, and then went into partnership with Addison McConkey, under the firm name of McConkey & Brown. About 1848 he purchased his partner's interest and continued alone, also carrying on undertaking, and being the only undertaker in the place for many years. He supported the candidates of the Republican party. His wife, who was a daughter of Solomon Pontious, was born at Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio, and died December, 1901, aged eighty-four years. The three children of Simon Brown and his wife were: Josiah, subject of this sketch; Mrs. Harriet Goble, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; and Ezra, who is now deceased. The family belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

After completing his education in the High School at Cuyahoga Falls, Josiah Brown learned his father's trade, and continued to be associated with him until 1873, when he went to Akron, where he worked through the summer and fall as a carpenter, and then entered the employ of Turner, Vaughn & Taylor. For twenty years he remained with that firm as a carpenter and then returned to his father. After the latter's death, he managed the business for his mother until her death, when he took entire charge. It is one of the oldest business houses at the Falls.

Mr. Brown is a veteran of the Civil War. On September 10, 1861, he enlisted in Battery D, First Ohio Light Artillery, and re-enlisted in the same battery, in January, 1864, and was commissioned second lieutenant at that time. He took an active part in all the engagements in which his battery was concerned and he was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Mr. Brown is a member of Eddy Post, No. 37, Grand Army of the Republic, at Cuyahoga Falls, and enjoys meeting with his old comrades and living over again the dangers and triumphs of army days.

Mr. Brown married Lucy E. Warner, a daughter of John Warner, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have had three children, namely: Ida, deceased, who married William Graham, of Akron; Charles Arthur, residing at Toledo, a mechanical engineer in the employ of the Toledo Railway and Light Company; and Birdie B., who is the widow of John Wilson, residing at New York City. Mr. Brown and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with Howard Lodge, No. 62, Odd Fellows. Politically he is a Republican.

W. C. KEENAN one of Akron's business citizens, is established in excellent quarters on North Main Street, where he deals in buggies, wagons, harness and horses, shipping annually from six to seven carloads of the latter. He was born in Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, on the old Ritchie homestead, September 27, 1872, and is a son of John Keenan. The father of Mr. Keenan was born in Ireland and after emigrating, settled first at Niagara Falls, and in 1857 came to Summit County. He located in Boston Township, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits ever since.

W. C. Keenan was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools and then entered the Western Reserve Academy as a member of the class of 1892. In the meanwhile, as he was dependent mainly on his own efforts, he left school and taught through ten seasons, subsequently returning to the university, where he completed his course and graduated with the class of 1894. During his period of teaching he started a grocery store at Peninsula, which he gradually expanded until the commodities he handled included a general line of merchandise, buggies, agricultural implements, harness and horses. He dealt extensively in horses and at the time of his sale, in 1901, in preparation to move to Akron, he had forty-two head to dispose of.

Mr. Keenan was married to Lillian Thomp-

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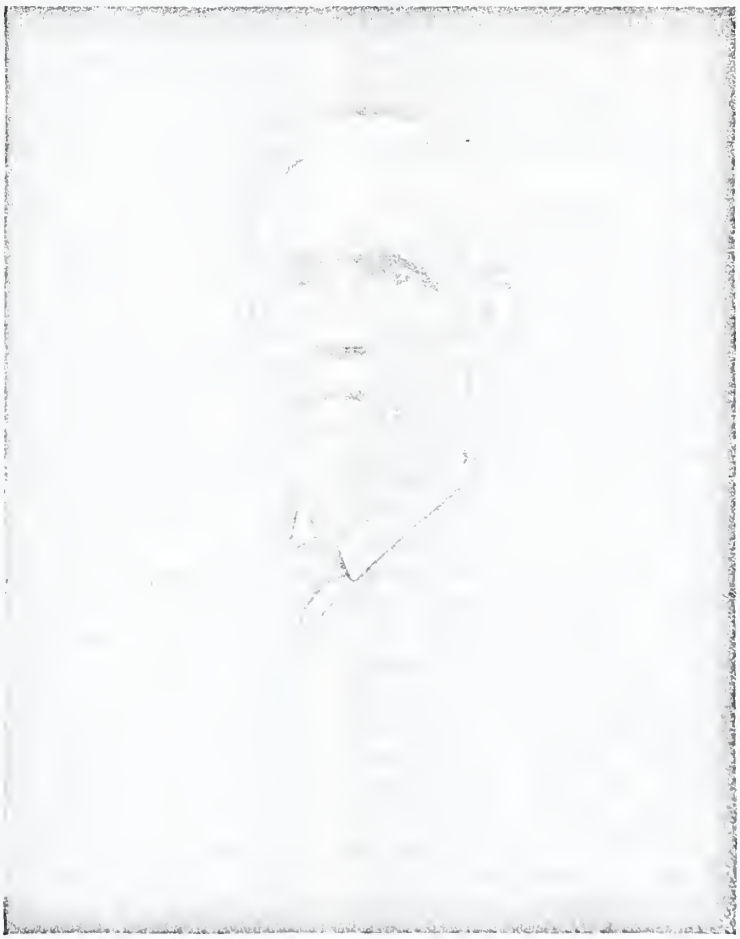

GEORGE CRISP

son, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have one son, William Harold. Mr. Keenan is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church.

GEORGE CRISP, of the firm of George Crisp and Son, proprietors of the Akron Storage and Warehouse Company, located at Nos. 211-215 South Broadway, has been a resident of Akron for thirty-one years and is one of the city's most substantial and representative men. He was born in Northamptonshire, England, in 1849, and when a boy went to London, where he served an apprenticeship of six years to the brick-laying and stone-cutting trades. At the age of twenty-one he came to America, locating for a short time at Toronto, Canada. In 1872 he removed to Cleveland, and in 1876 to Akron. For some time, in association with his brother, John Crisp, he did a small jobbing business, and they then formed the firm of Crisp Brothers and entered into contracting. Their first large contract was the Henry school building, a fine structure for those days, and its attractive appearance and substantial construction did much to extend the business of the firm. The brothers continued together for twenty years and during that time contracted for and erected about one-third of all the prominent buildings in Akron, including many factories and seven school buildings. The firm soon became the most prominent one in their line of business in this section of the State. Since 1896 the style of the firm has been George Crisp and Son, and in addition to general contracting, the firm does a large storage and coal business. They erected on South Broadway a fine brick building, 220 feet by 45, five stories high, with basement, it being one of the best-built buildings in the city. They have also two fine brick buildings on North Howard Street, one 66 feet by 30, three stories in height, and the other 120 by 40, all having been built after modern plans. The latter buildings are their headquarters for general supply work of all kinds.

Mr. Crisp was married in 1876, to Susanna Watson, whose parents were born in England. They have four children, namely: Frederick James, who is associated with his father in business; George Raymond, who is a student at the Ohio University; Grace E., who is employed in her father's office; and William E., who is attending school in Akron.

Mr. Crisp is an old member of the Odd Fellows Fraternity, having united with the Manchester Unity order in his native land, when sixteen years of age. In 1882 he joined Apollo Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Akron. He is affiliated with all its divisions and is faithful to all its teachings.

HON. DAVID TOD. Few men in American public life have attained to a nobler fame than that which history accords to the late Hon. David Tod, Ohio's great war governor, whose death took place November 13, 1868. Throughout a public career which had its beginning when he was comparatively young and which continued through the trying years of the Civil War, he continued to be a type of American statesmanship at its best.

David Tod was born at Youngstown, Ohio, February 21, 1805, and was a son of Hon. George and Sally (Isaacs) Tod, and a grandson of David and Rachel (Kent) Tod, of old New England stock. His father, Judge George Tod, was born at Suffield, Connecticut, December 11, 1773, was graduated from Yale College in 1795 and subsequently studied law at New Haven, Connecticut. He was there admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession. In 1800 he accompanied a party of prospectors to the Western Reserve and formed so favorable an opinion of the great opportunities for business and professional development in Ohio that he made plans, which he later successfully carried out, to become a resident of this beautiful state.

In 1801 Judge Tod removed, with his wife and two children, to Youngstown, and in the same year was appointed secretary for the territory of Ohio, by Governor Arthur St. Clair. In 1802 Ohio became a state and at the first election held thereafter at Youngstown,

George Tod was elected clerk of Youngstown Township, to which office he was subsequently re-elected. He continued in the practice of his profession but was soon called into active public life, being elected state senator from Trumbull County, serving in the session of 1804-5, and again, in the same capacity, in 1810-11. In the interim between these two terms of service, he filled for four years an important position on the bench, serving for four years as a judge of the supreme court of Ohio, which service was terminated in 1810.

At the opening of the War of 1812, Judge Tod signified his intention of taking an active part in military operations and was first commissioned major of the 19th Ohio Regiment, later serving as colonel. On the field Judge Tod distinguished himself, participating in the battles of Fort Meigs and Sacketts Harbor. At the close of the war he returned once more to the practice of the law, but in 1815 he was again honored by his fellow-citizens, being elected presiding judge of the court of common pleas, an office he held until 1829. With the exception of one term as prosecuting attorney of Trumbull County, this closed Judge Tod's public career. Upon the retirement from the cares and duties which had so completely filled so many years of his life, the aged jurist sought recreation in looking after his farm, to which he had given the name of "Brier Hill." This was appropriate on account of the abundance of briers then found there. The name remains, but in these latter days it represents a wealth of coal, and its material products are carried over a large part of the world. At a later date the farm passed into the more practical hands of his son David, and it still remains a possession of the family. It is now owned and occupied as the residence of George Tod, one of the sons of David Tod.

Judge Tod was married in 1797 to Sally Isaacs, who was a daughter of Ralph and Mary Isaacs. Their long and happy companionship lasted for forty-four years, broken by the death of Judge Tod, in 1841. The wife survived until 1847.

Like many other distinguished American statesmen, David Tod graduated from no old-established institution of learning. His inheritance of mental ability was great but to himself, alone, was due the wide knowledge and broad culture which made him the equal of the highest in his own or other countries, and the inherent manliness, integrity and devotion to country that gained him the admiration, esteem and affection of his fellow-citizens and installed forever his memory in their hearts.

In 1827 David Tod, after completing what was little more than an elementary education and spending some time in the study of the law, was admitted to the bar and entered into practice at Warren, when 22 years of age. A cotemporary, in considering the almost immediate success which met his efforts, analyzed the situation as follows: "His success at the bar was, in the main, due to his unsurpassed ability in the examination of witnesses and to his power in gaining and holding the confidence of the jury, which he did by a manifest frankness, fairness and earnestness, together with his clear statement of the argument." For about fifteen years Mr. Tod continued in the active practice of his profession and during this period he demonstrated that it was in him to become a great lawyer and that, with his large legal knowledge, wide experience, high sense of honor and unsullied integrity, he would have been eminently successful on the bench. Other elements entered into his life, however, and in other avenues he became distinguished, political affairs claiming many years of his life.

In the campaign of 1824 Mr. Tod first became an enthusiastic politician, following in the train of that popular hero, Andrew Jackson, and he remained an ardent Democrat until the secession movement of 1861. In 1840 he campaigned through the state, using his powerful oratory in the attempt to defeat General Harrison. The first political office to which he was elected was that of state senator, in 1838, and he grew so rapidly in public favor that in 1844 he was unanimously chosen by the Democratic party as its candidate for governor. Hon. Mordecai Bartley, the Whig

candidate defeated him with a majority of about 1,000 votes.

So prominent was his position by this time, that President James K. Polk, in 1847, felt justified in appointing him United States minister to Brazil. During his five-years' residence in that country he won many a quiet diplomatic victory which brought about a much better understanding between the two countries and reflected nothing but added honor upon him as the representative of the United States. It is a matter of record that upon his departure for his own country, the ruler of Brazil, in a parting address, took occasion to speak in the highest terms of Mr. Tod both as an individual and as a public official.

For the succeeding ten years Mr. Tod gave his attention mainly to business. He had taken charge of the family estates in 1841, and with remarkable business sagacity he entered into negotiations which later resulted in the developing of the great coal fields which have made Youngstown one of the noted industrial points in Ohio and incidentally brought about much of the prosperity of the Mahoning Valley. Mainly through his enterprise, the Cleveland & Mahoning Railroad was constructed, and he remained its president as long as he lived.

The next period of Mr. Tod's political activity belongs to the country's history. Secession was brought to light in 1860. He was made vice-president of the National Democratic Convention that met at Charleston, April 23d of that year, of which Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, was chairman. Every state was represented, there being 303 delegates, equaling the electoral vote. The strongest candidate was Stephen A. Douglas. The two-thirds rule for nomination prevailed. By a plank in the Douglas platform it was agreed to abide by the decision of the supreme court judges on the subject of the slave-code. The minority, or Douglas platform, was substituted and adopted, whereupon the Alabama delegation withdrew, and a majority of the delegates from Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina also retired in the same manner.

After a week so spent the remainder of the convention proceeded to ballot under the two-thirds rule, and Douglas was by far the strongest candidate, receiving as high as 152 1-2 votes several times, while 202 votes were necessary to a choice. The convention composed of those left after the seceders had withdrawn voted to adjourn to meet in Baltimore, Maryland, June 18th.

The seceding delegates met in a separate convention, elected James A. Bayard, of Delaware, their chairman, and after adopting the majority platform of the committee, postponed further action to June 10th, at Richmond, Virginia.

When the convention met at Baltimore, pursuant to adjournment, trouble arose about admitting delegates who had seceded at Charleston, or others who had been chosen in their place. During the discussion of this issue many delegates withdrew, among them being the chairman, Caleb Cushing. At this point Mr. Tod, with great presence of mind took possession of the deserted chair, and after an earnest appeal succeeded in restoring order. He was confirmed as chairman and the convention proceeded to its legitimate business, which resulted in the nomination of Douglas.

The members who had recently seceded invited the seceders at Richmond to join them, and John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, was nominated for president by them, and Joseph Lane of Oregon, vice-president.

A "Constitutional Union Convention" met May 10th, also at Baltimore, and nominated John Bell of Tennessee, for president, and Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, for vice-president.

Later Mr. Tod supported the "Little Giant," giving him his unqualified support all through the heated campaign that followed. Mr. Tod made no secret of bitterly opposing secession and when the test came he preferred the election of Lincoln to that of Breckinridge. He was quick to see the disasters sure to follow the policy of secession and when he saw that Civil War was inevitable,

he made the choice that only a man of his integrity, loyalty and devotion to what he felt was duty, could possibly have made.

There came that time in the history of Ohio when, amid the beating of drums and the marching of troops, every bearded man or callow youth was a possible hero, for then patriotism was a flame and loyalty the torch. Far beyond physicial heroism was the moral heroism which inspired David Tod in those memorable days. Cutting loose from old party associates, severing ties which long connection and earnest conviction had cemented, he came forward and announced his principles —an unswerving devotion to the Union. Thus he became known as a War Democrat. The times were ripe for just such a man, and when the Republicans themselves suggested Mr. Tod as a candidate, enthusiasm ran high. He was unanimously nominated by the Union Party, made up of Republicans and War Democrats, and was gloriously elected, with a majority of 55,000 votes, governor of the state of Ohio.

Governor Tod came to the capitol in 1862, succeeding Governor Dennison, and upon him fell the great responsibilities that made Ohio take so prominent a rank among the Northern States during the Civil War. After the first enthusiasm passed and war, grim war, made itself manifest in every town, hamlet and country side, troops still had to be enlisted and hurried to battle, discouragements of those at the front and at home had to be overcome, seditious political influence had to be combatted, the state had to be saved from invasion and the public treasury had to be preserved from depletion. In Governor David Tod was found the man of the hour. It is admitted that his administration as governor won for him justly illustrious fame. Every emergency was met with the calm, judicial mind that would have given him distinction as a judge, as we have intimated. He met difficulties of every kind, and firmly, promptly and rigorously he administered the remedy. His devotion to the soldiers was so well known that his name was an inspiration to them. They learned of his constant efforts on their behalf, not only to secure for them their rights of suffrage while away from home but to obtain food, clothing, medicine and care, all that he would have labored to obtain for his own sons.

When he was approached in 1863 with the urgent request that he seek renomination he positively declined to again assume the responsibilities which his acceptance would entail. When his attention was called to the fact that thousands of his fellow-citizens were not only bearing heavy responsibilities, but were endangering their lives on the field of battle, Governor Tod replied, "Then, looking at it in that light, I am also willing to sacrifice my life." He was not renominated. He had made many enemies, as any man with the courage to face such stern responsibilities necessarily will; the state had the year before gone Democratic; and C. L. Vallandigham, whose arrest for seditious utterances had been approved of by Governor Tod, had been placed in nomination by the Democratic party, and was making stirring appeals for his vindication at the polls. Under these circumstances the Republican managers thought it best for the interests of the party to place in nomination some man who had aroused fewer and less fierce antagonisms, and although eighty-eight counties had instructed their delegates to vote for his nomination, the political wires were manipulated in favor of Hon. John Brough, who was accordingly nominated. In January, 1864, Governor Tod retired from office, bearing with him the approval of the majority of his fellow-citizens, the love of the army, and the confidence and personal esteem of the public men with whom the exigencies of the times had so closely associated him.

Failing health caused him to decline further honors proffered him. It was a disappointment to President Lincoln that he was unable to induce him to accept the portfolio of Secretary of the Treasury which was tendered him. His fellow citizens soon realized that his health in their behalf had indeed been broken, and when the news of his death, November 23, 1868, came to them from his Brier

Hill Farm, to which he had retired, their grief was as that of a child for a parent.

Governor Tod was a man of unaffected manner, and a keen judge of men in all the changing elements of political and social conditions. Full well he knew the mettle of both friend and foe. His personal loyalty to his friends was unshakable, save when it conflicted with the higher duties of an exalted patriotism; and none of his political enemies could ever say that he was aught but a fair and open foe. Resolutions deploring his loss and speaking in appreciative terms of his high character as statesman and citizen were passed by the senate and house of representatives of the state, and the press throughout the country announced the sad news in words of sorrow and respect that found an echo in the hearts of all who knew him as he was. His name still remains one of honor in the great state he served so well, and although long years have passed away since his mortal presence has been removed, the principles he labored to sustain remain, and the country he loved is still united.

At Warren, Ohio, July 24, 1832, Governor Tod was married to Maria Smith, who came from a family of early settlers in Trumbull County. The seven children of this marriage were: Charlotte, who married Gen. A. V. Kautz, of the United States army and died in 1868, in Mississippi; John, a prominent citizen of Cleveland, Ohio; Henry, deceased, formerly president of the Second National Bank of Youngstown, of whom an extended sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; William, deceased, a prominent manufacturer at Youngstown, a sketch of whom will also be found in this volume; George, vice-president of the Mahoning National Bank of Youngstown, and president of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, who is also represented in this work; Grace, who is the wife of Hon. George F. Arrel, a prominent attorney at Youngstown, a sketch of whom will be found in this volume; and Sally, the youngest of the family.

C. E. SHELDON, president of the Whitman-Barnes Manufacturing Company, at Akron, has been a resident of this city for the past thirty years and has been closely identified with much of its industrial expansion. He was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, July 18, 1850.

Mr. Sheldon was reared and educated in the old Bay State, where he studied and followed civil engineering in his younger years, becoming connected with the company of which he is now the head, in his native place. Mr. Sheldon has a practical knowledge of his business, having entered the factory and worked up to the position of superintendent of the same, which he held when the Whitman-Miles Manufacturing Company of Massachusetts, consolidated with the George Barnes Company of Syracuse, New York, forming the Whitman-Barnes Manufacturing Company. Mr. Sheldon came to Akron as superintendent of the plant at this city, later became general manager, then treasurer, subsequently vice-president, and for the past four years president. In addition to furthering the interests of the concern with which he has been so long and intimately associated, Mr. Sheldon has materially assisted in promoting other successful business enterprises of this section.

In 1870 Mr. Sheldon was married to Ruth L. Gifford, of Connecticut, and they have one child, Ethel, who married A. H. Commins, an attorney, residing at Akron. Mrs. Sheldon is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mr. Sheldon is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and belongs to the Mystic Shrine and Lake Erie Consistory, at Cleveland, and is past eminent commander of the Akron Commandery. He belongs also to the Odd Fellows and the Elks, and socially is connected with the Portage Country Club.

JOHN KLEIN, who conducts a first-class meat market at No. 354 West Market Street, Akron, is one of the business men of this city who is succeeding because of his honest methods and excellent management. He was born in Germany, in September, 1863, where

he went to school in boyhood. When seventeen years of age he came to America and since June, 1880, he has resided in Akron.

For several years after coming to this city, Mr. Klein worked at various places, where his industry and fidelity won him friends. He then engaged with his brother in the meat business, under the firm name of Klein Brothers, and at one time they operated two stores. In 1902 the firm erected a two-story building 40 by 50 feet in dimensions, on the corner of West Market and Valley Streets. They manufacture their own prepared meats and lard, and these include American products as well as German dainties. They have gained such a reputation as reputable meat packers that there are many particular people at Akron who will buy no other hams, bacon or lard than that prepared and vouched for by Klein Brothers.

In 1886 Mr. Klein was married to Minnie Hardert, who was also born in Germany, and they have an interesting family of four sons and two daughters—Louis A., John L., Elizabeth, Mary, William and Clarence. Mr. Klein is one of the liberal members of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He belongs to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

RICHARD J. DALLINGA, whose highly cultivated truck farm of twenty-five acres is situated in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, was born June 22, 1864, in Holland, and is a son of Jacob and Emma (Van Cingel) Dallinga.

Jacob Dallinga, who was a farmer and brewer of the Netherlands, was married to Emma Van Cingel, also a native of that country, and to them were born seven children, namely: Richard Jacob; Herman, who is bookkeeper for George Crisp & Son, of Akron; Cecelia, who is deceased; Julia, the wife of Charles DeBruyn, proprietor of the Valley City Machine Works, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Remina, who married Dr. W. L. Holbrook, of Wellington, Ohio; Dena, who married Elger Barnard, of Medina County, Ohio; and Grace. In 1897 Jacob Dallinga died, and his widow married for her second husband, J. G. C. Van der Wonde, with whom she came to America in 1883. She died in Copley Township, February 22, 1899, aged fifty-six years. There were no children born of her second marriage.

Richard J. Dallinga was reared on his father's farm, and attended the common school until eleven years old, at which time he entered the academy. After graduation therefrom he took a general course at Ryks Hoogers Burger school, which he left just before graduation at the age of nineteen years, and where he was instructed in French, English, German and Dutch. In 1883 he came with the family to America, first settling at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where all the boys of the family found employment in the furniture factories. Being dissatisfied with this kind of work, Mr. Dallinga went to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and engaged in celery growing on a small farm purchased by his stepfather, and he also worked on a nursery farm for L. G. Bragg and Company, attending to the duties of the shipping department. While there he was engaged by W. R. Wean and O. P. Chapman, of Wean, Horr and Company, of Medina County, Ohio, now the Horr-Warner Company, to take charge of the celery department of their 1,500-acre truck farm. One year later he became general superintendent, a position which he held for nine years, when he engaged with the Copley Garden Company, located on the old Sackett estate in Copley Township. He continued with this institution for three years, at which time the business was dissolved and he purchased his present tract of twenty-five acres. At this time the property was considered worthless, but Mr. Dallinga soon cleared it and brought it under cultivation, erected new buildings, and made it one of the best truck farms in this section.

On December 23, 1890, Mr. Dallinga was married to Lucy E. Rockenfelder, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, and who is a daughter of William and Catherina (Yost) Rockenfelder. Five children have been born to this union: Charles, a student at Buchtel College; Rosa, who attends Copley High

School; Clarence, who died young; Mabel, and Emma Lucille.

Mr. Dallinga is a Republican in politics and has always taken a great interest in educational matters, having served as president of the Board of Education of Copley Township for three years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, and he is a prominent member of the local Grange.

PHILANDER D. HALL, and LORENZO HALL, brothers, were two of the early merchants and leading men of Akron. They brought from their New England environment that frugality and integrity which made them both successful in their own material affairs, and influential in directing the energies of others. The best years of their lives were mainly devoted to advancing the prosperity of Akron.

Philander D. Hall, the founder of the old business house of Hall Brothers, at Akron, was born October 10, 1806, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and was a son of Richard and Sally (Hurlburt) Hall.

Mr. Hall was educated at Western Academy, and as his inclinations did not lie in the direction of his father's occupations, in early age he started out to make his own way in the world. When little more than twenty years of age, he was already engaged in teaching at Saugatuck, Connecticut, where he subsequently had a mercantile experience of eighteen months, after which he returned to Bridgeport. Shortly afterward he embarked in a grocery business, which included the shipping and importing of West Indian products, and this enterprise he continued at Bridgeport, until the summer of 1834.

It was about this time that Mr. Hall first visited Akron, and he evidently foresaw something of the future prosperity which has come to this city, for he immediately invested here, closed out his interests at Bridgeport, and in May, 1835, started the "Cascade Store," then a great innovation on anything in the mercantile line ever seen in the village. His location was a two-story frame building, on the corner of Howard and Market Streets, which was destroyed by fire in February, 1851. In the same year the present brick block was erected, and the business was resumed, and it is now the oldest continuous business house in this city. In 1842, Orlando Hall, a brother of Philander D., became associated in the business, and so continued until his death, in 1858, when the late Lorenzo Hall, another brother, became a partner, and the firm of Hall Brothers continued to be for years one of the leading business firms of Akron. Its policy was never changed, business integrity being the foundation stone.

On December 30, 1841, Philander D. Hall was married to Martha McElhinney, who was born at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and died at New York, February 20, 1889. In 1857, Mr. Hall established his home in the city of New York, but he continued his business interests here until his death, which occurred December 5, 1896.

LORENZO HALL, who was equally prominent at Akron, with his brother, first visited the village in 1836. He was born February 22, 1812, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and his parents were Richard and Sally (Hurlburt) Hall. He enjoyed all the educational opportunities afforded by the schools of his day, and as evidence that he made good use of them it is recorded that when but fifteen years of age the directors of his school district urged him to become a teacher there, and, in spite of his youth, he was probably a satisfactory pedagogue, as he continued to teach school, alternating that occupation with farming for the next six years the old homestead land on which his great-great-grandfather had settled in 1635.

In May, 1835, his older brother, Philander D., located as a merchant in the little village which then stood in place of the busy, important city of Akron of to-day, opening up a general store. In 1836 Lorenzo Hall visited his brother and while at Akron sold goods both in the town and the vicinity, but the prospects not being sufficiently encouraging, he returned by horseback to Connecticut, as he had come, and resumed cultivating the

homestead acres. In 1842, another brother, Orlando Hall, went to Akron and became associated in the mercantile venture with Philander D., with whom he continued until his death, in 1858. Lorenzo Hall then returned to Akron and took his late brother's place in the business as a member of the firm of Hall Brothers. For many years Lorenzo Hall continued one of Akron's prominent business men as well as upright citizens. His death took place January 9, 1892.

On March 26, 1846, Lorenzo Hall was married to Mary J. Hubbel, who was born at Trumbull, Connecticut. Two sons were born to them, both of whom survive, Frank L. and Philander D. Frank L. Hall was born July 5, 1850, and for twenty years was a member of the well-known law firm of De Forest, Weeks & Company. He is still in active practice in New York City. Philander D. Hall, Jr., is one of the directors of the National City Bank at Akron, and conducts a large real estate business at No. 4 South Howard Street. He has other important interests which require a large portion of his time to be spent in Europe.

WALTER WAINWRIGHT, superintendent of the foundry of The Falls Rivet and Machine Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, was born in England, February 2, 1865, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Gibson) Wainwright.

The parents of Mr. Wainwright were also natives of England. The father followed the trade of pattern-maker in that country until he was forty years of age, when he came to America and settled at Cleveland. He died in England while on a visit to his old home. He belonged to the order of Foresters and the Odd Fellows.

Walter Wainwright was afforded but few educational opportunities in his boyhood, as he was a child of nine years when he was sent to work in a foundry. Fortunately it was employment in which he took an interest, and he learned the business from the ground up, gaining all the practical knowledge through personal experience, and the theoretical through study during later years when he enjoyed some degree of leisure. After serving a hard apprenticeship, he came to America in 1881 and followed his trade in various parts of this country, gaining much through visiting different sections and watching the methods of work in many foundries. When only seventeen years of age, he was made foreman of the Walker Manufacturing Company, of Cleveland, and remained in that position until 1897. He then went to Newcomerstown as foreman for J. B. Clow, remaining there two years, when he went to Massillon, Ohio, as superintendent of a foundry which he built for the Massillon Iron and Steel Company. Mr. Wainwright continued there for four years and then went to Fostoria, also as superintendent, but a short time later, September, 1903, he accepted his present position.

Mr. Wainwright married Nellie Stoddard, daughter of Merrit L. Stoddard, of Cleveland, and they have one son, William Royal. The latter has nearly completed his apprenticeship as a foundryman in the foundry of which his father is superintendent. Mr. Wainwright owns a fine residence property, his lot extending 66 feet on Front Street and 105 feet on Falls. In 1906 he started a modern house of seven rooms which was completed in the spring of 1907, and he is now in the enjoyment of its many comforts. With his family he belongs to the Episcopal Church and is tenor singer in its choir. He belongs also to the Castle quartette, of the Knights of Pythias. In this order he belongs to Red Cross Lodge, of Cleveland, of which he is past chancellor, and of the Uniformed Rank of the order at Cuyahoga Falls. Politically, he is a Republican.

J. S. FARNBAUCH, proprietor of a meat business at No. 391 South Main Street, Akron, has been established in this city since 1893. He was born in Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, in 1863, on the old Farnbauch homestead, on which his grandfather settled in pioneer days. The latter was Joseph Farnbauch, who came to Portage

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County in 1835 to assist in the building of the old Ohio Canal. Antone Farnbauch, father of J. S., was one of Portage County's prominent farmers and he died there in 1879.

J. S. Farnbauch, after coming to Akron, worked for a time for J. F. Seiberling and John Wetzel, but returned to his home in Portage County on the death of his mother, coming back to Akron in the spring of 1885. For one year he worked for John Memmer and for two years within one week for D. W. Thomas. He was then engaged with Henry Sprain in the meat business up to April, 1893, and prior to embarking in the meat business on his own account, August 7, 1893, worked in the markets of Spicer Brothers and C. W. Baum. Mr. Farnbauch thus had considerable experience before he opened up his own business, which he has since developed into an extensive one. He carries only the best quality of meats and his surroundings are sanitary, clean and wholesome.

In October, 1893, Mr. Farnbauch was married to Margaret Yeager, of Akron. He is a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and he belongs to St. Bernard's Society. He is a representative business man and good citizen.

In 1902 Mr. Farnbauch built his present residence at 322 Locust Street. It is one of the handsome residences in the city.

GEORGE J. STUBBS, one of the proprietors of the Akron Paving & Plaster Company, contractors for concrete construction and plain and decorative plastering, and dealers in masons' supplies, is one of Akron's well-established and successful business men. Mr. Stubbs was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1875, and is a son of the late George W. Stubbs.

His father was born in England, and on coming to America, in 1875—the year of his son's birth—settled in Springfield Township, where he died in 1907. For twenty-seven years he was superintendent of the Hill Sewer Pipe Company. He married Alicia Harley, who was also a native of England, and they had six children, the eldest son being George J. The latter has two sisters, Hannah and Mary, the former of whom married George W. Carmichael, one of Akron's leading contractors, the latter becoming the wife of John T. Windsor, a prominent brick manufacturer of Akron.

George J. Stubbs was educated at Akron and in 1892 was graduated from the High School. He then went to work for the Hill Sewer Pipe Company, and was employed at their Pennsylvania plant for seven years. In 1899, in association with George W. Carmichael and George V. Billow, he organized the Akron Paving & Plaster Company, a concern which has outstripped many older ones in its particular line of work. It was this company that executed the much admired decorative plaster work for the Court House, and the High School building, and it has been the contracting firm engaged for many of the largest jobs of the kind in this city.

In 1900, Mr. Stubbs was married to Avis De Haven, who died in 1903, leaving a wide circle to mourn her loss. Mr. Stubbs is a member of the Disciples Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

ELMER E. STUMP, the owner of ninety-two acres of excellent farm land, and president of the Board of School Directors, of which he has been a member for upwards of twenty years, was born March 11, 1861, on the farm on which he now resides in Franklin Township, son of John G. and Lucy (Vanness) Stump.

John Stump, the grandfather of Elmer E., was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he came to Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and finally settled on the farm now owned by the Levi Stump heirs, where his death occurred, his wife, Elizabeth (Grove) Stump, having preceded him to the grave. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters.

John G. Stump was also a native of Pennsylvania, and came with the family to Ohio at the age of five or six years, growing to manhood on the Franklin Township farm, which he helped to clear from its wild state. After his marriage, Mr. Stump purchased the farm

from his father, and here the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring in his fifty-eighth year. He was married to Lucy Vanness, who was a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, and to this union six children were born: Emily, who married P. Keyser; Albert L.; Elmer Execll; Sarah M.; Charles H., and Olive E.

Elmer E. Stump was reared to manhood on the place which he now occupies, and which has always been his home. His education was secured in the township schools and the High School at Manchester, Ohio. After his marriage he purchased the property from the heirs of his father's estate, and here he has since carried on general farming.

On September 24, 1889, Mr. Stump was married to Hannah Devlin, who is a daughter of John and Jane (Hood) Devlin, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, and the latter of Scotland. They were married in Europe, whence they came to this country, and settled in Pennsylvania, subsequently removing to Ohio. John Devlin died in Summit County at the age of thirty-eight years, and his widow was later married to James Gordon, now deceased, and makes her home in British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Devlin were the parents of these children: Anna, who married William P. Ries; Hannah, the wife of Mr. Stump; Sarah, who married E. Beachtel; Elizabeth, who married N. Dailey; Jennie, who married Ott Wagoner; Rose, who married John Stewart; Eliza, who married Thomas Pearson, and several others who died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stump there have been born six children, namely: J. Parke, Florence, Sidney, Merle, Ralph and Helen. Mr. Stump is a Democrat in politics, and for about twenty years has been a member of the School Board, of which he is now president. He is fraternally affiliated with the Maccabees. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church at Manchester.

DR. JOSEPH WINGERTER, V. S., proprietor of the City Veterinary Hospital, located on the corner of Cedar and Orleans Avenue, at the Haymarket, in the city of Akron, conducts one of the largest and most modern institutions of its kind in Ohio. He was born February 6, 1864, at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Lewis and Mary (Smith) Wingerter.

The father of Dr. Wingerter was born at Paris, France, and his mother was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. Prior to 1840, Lewis Wingerter came to Akron, called here to become the superintendent of the Wilcox pottery, and in the above year he built a pottery of his own, which he operated at Akron, until 1891. He affiliated himself with the Democratic party and became a somewhat prominent politician, serving as postmaster at Coventry for a number of years, and capably filling other local offices. He had six children, namely: Lena, who married Lewis Yeek, and resides at Coventry; Lewis, residing at Coventry, where he operates a pottery; Philip, residing in Akron, and connected with the Goodrich Rubber Works; Leo, residing in Akron; Augustus, residing at Coventry; and Joseph, whose name begins this sketch.

Joseph Wingerter secured an excellent common school education in the town of Coventry, and was then shipping clerk for the C. B. Hardey pottery for a time. He then joined his brother in a livery and saloon business, which they conducted for about eight years. A destructive fire closed out their interests in this direction, entailing a great financial loss, but probably resulted in the young man turning his attention to those studies in which he has met with such success. He had been interested from childhood in animals, and in conducting his livery business he learned much concerning the need that exists for the proper understanding of the ills that afflict the dumb brute creation. When his regular course of business was interrupted he entered the Toronto Veterinary College, where he was graduated in 1894, with high honors. Upon his return to Akron he became joint proprietor, with Mr. Dellenberger, of a veterinary hospital, and in 1906 he purchased his partner's interest and now manages the large business of the City Veterinary Hospital alone.

This modern institution is a hospital for the care and treatment of, and surgical operations on, horses, dogs, cats and all domestic animals. It is equipped with a large and well-ventilated box stall, soaking, sweating and cooling stalls, exercising paddock slings, operating tables, ambulances, etc., there being a special ambulance for dogs. The whole building is supplied with all the latest appliances. Calls in the city or country are promptly attended to day or night. Dr. Wingerter is also a manufacturer of veterinary remedies and stock food, and is proprietor of the Pet Stock Cemetery for the burial of pet animals, located at Coventry. His office, reception, medicine and operating rooms are situated in the hospital on the corner of Cedar and Orleans avenue. Dr. Wingerter was married February 6, 1897, to Clara A. Serfass, who was born in Summit County, Ohio. Dr. Wingerter is a member of the Veterinary Medical Association of Toronto, Canada, and to the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Association. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

DANIEL R. BRAUCHER, the efficient superintendent of the Children's Home, Akron, was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 4, 1849, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Lichtenwalter) Braucher. The Braucher family is probably of German extraction. The father of Superintendent Braucher was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, but the maternal grandfather was a resident of Stark County. Samuel Braucher was a substantial farmer and reared his son to agricultural pursuits. He and his wife had seven children.

Prior to 1881, Daniel R. Braucher resided in his native county, where he was educated in the district schools. He then moved to Portage County, where he purchased a large farm. He continued operating that property until 1892, when he became assistant superintendent of the Portage County Infirmary, where he remained five years and nine months. He then traveled two years in the interest of the Trumbull County Mutual Insurance Company. At that time he again accepted his old position at the Portage County Infirmary. Subsequently appointed to his present position, he assumed its duties January 1, 1904. The Children's Home is a pet charity of Akron and its needs have been responded to by many of the capitalists of this section. For this very reason it was the part of wisdom to select as superintendent a man of reliable character, broad mind and executive ability, qualities which are possessed in high degree by Mr. Braucher. With the cheerful and hearty assistance of his admirable wife, who is the matron of the home, the twelve employes of the institution are kept faithfully performing their duties and the safety, well-being and happiness of the sixty-nine dependent children are assured.

Mr. Braucher was married (first) to Louisa Humbert, who died March 13, 1893, leaving four children. He married (second) Geneva Folk, who is a first cousin to Governor Folk, Missouri's distinguished chief magistrate. There were no children by the second marriage. Mr. Braucher and family belong to the Reformed Church. His children, all of the first marriage, survive. Mrs. E. Bunts lost her husband, who died February 18, 1907. The other are: Mrs. William Metzger, of Akron; Mrs. Arthur Gillette, of South Omaha; Clark L., of Toledo, who is division manager there of the U. S. Telephone Company; and Harry H., who died, aged four years.

Politically, Mr. Braucher is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and Mrs. Braucher with the order of Maccabees.

R. S. IREDELL, one of Akron's representative business men, who, for the past thirty years has been interested in fire insurance at this point, is also secretary and general manager of the Hamilton Building Company, with offices in the Hamilton Building. He was born January 15, 1847, at Akron, Ohio, and is a son of Seth and Mary (Irwin) Iredell. Seth Iredell was once one of Akron's most prominent and useful citizens—a pioneer merchant—and had the distinction of being the first mayor. He was born September 6, 1773, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and came

to Akron in 1830, prior to the opening of the Akron Canal. He became interested in many of the early enterprises of the city and lent his influence to further their development. He died in 1854. The mother of R. S. Iredell was also born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of William Irwin, whom she accompanied to Akron in 1812.

R. S. Iredell was given all the educational advantages the city of his birth offered in his boyhood. For a number of his early business years he was connected with the boot and shoe trade, but since 1877, he has been almost exclusively occupied in fire insurance. He is a stockholder in other enterprises and is at the head of the Hamilton Building Company. In 1884, Mr. Iredell was married to Mary Terrass, who is a daughter of John Terrass, of Akron, and they have three children—Mary K., Robert and Elizabeth. The son is a student at Buchtel College, and the younger daughter is completing the High School course at Akron. Mr. Iredell and family belong to the Congregational Church.

HAROLD E. JOY, general superintendent of the B. F. Goodrich Company, at Akron, which city has been his chosen home since 1874, was born in England, in 1868, and was brought to America in childhood, and, at the age of six years, to Akron. His school days and business life have been passed in this city, where his main interests are centered. When he was sixteen years old he entered a grocery store, where he learned the business, remaining six years, when he became shipping clerk in the B. F. Goodrich Company. His industry and fidelity brought him promotion and from one stage to another he rose, being several years in the order department, for several years department manager, then second assistant superintendent, later assistant superintendent, and since August, 1907, general superintendent, a position of great responsibility. Mr. Joy having worked his way up, understands every detail of the business, and under his efficient superintendence there is no danger that any deterioration will take place in the quality of the products which have won their way into every civilized corner of the world.

In 1892, Mr. Joy was married to Jessie Holmes, who was born and reared at Akron, and they have four children. Mr. and Mrs. Joy are members of the First Congregational Church, and he belongs to its Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Portage Country club.

JOHN W. GAUTHIER, an experienced pottery man, who has been foreman of the Robinson Clay Product Company, at Akron, for many years, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Union Printing Ink Manufacturing Company, is one of Akron's leading citizens, being actively interested in other lines than those above mentioned. He was born in 1867, at Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. Gauthier was a youth of twelve years when he came to Akron, where the greater part of his education has been secured. For twenty-five years he has been in the pottery business, starting in what was the old E. H. Merrill Company, the same that was subsequently merged into the Robinson Clay Product Company. His business ability has made him a valuable member of other concerns also and his standing in commercial circles is very high. He enjoys the distinction of being the only Democratic member of the Akron city council, and has served in this body for a number of terms. At different times he has been a member of the city, as well as important county committees of the Democratic party, and enjoys the confidence of the party leaders throughout the state.

In 1891, Mr. Gauthier was married to Augusta Sommerfeldt, who was born in Germany. They have six children: John, Edna, Mina, Karl, Mary and Edward. Mr. Gauthier is a member of a number of the leading fraternal organizations and is active in promoting their usefulness.

EMSLEY O. GROSE, president and general manager of the Independent Tack Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, of which he was the organizer, is one of the representative business

men of this city. Mr. Grose was born at Tipton, Indiana, February 17, 1872, and is a son of Joseph and Selindia (Welshonse) Grose.

Joseph Grose was born in Indiana, in 1844, and is a retired farmer living at Tipton. He has been a very active member of the Democratic party in that section, and for eight years he was superintendent of the Tipton County Infirmary. He saw service during the latter part of the Civil War, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He married Selindia Welshonse, who also survives, and eight of their family of eleven children grew to maturity. The Grose family is an old one in Indiana, extending back beyond the days of the grandfather.

Emsley O. Grose was the first born of his parents' large family. He obtained a common school education in the Tipton schools and then learned the machinist's trade, at Anderson, Indiana, after completing his apprenticeship, entering the wire nail mill, which is one of the largest industries of that place. He continued work there until he came to Cuyahoga Falls, in July, 1899, when he was with the E. A. Henry Wire Company for about eighteen months, from which place he entered the Rivet Works, remaining one year. During all this time, while quietly working at his trade, Mr. Grose was evolving in his mind the plan of a different kind of wire nail machine, which he felt convinced would be of the greatest efficiency in making large-headed wire roofing nails, and in 1905 he completed his invention and went to Fostoria to see about putting it on the market. There he organized the Seneca Wire and Manufacturing Company, and remained six months as the superintendent of the nail department. He then returned to Cuyahoga Falls and organized the Independent Tack Company. For several years he had been studying out a design for a tack-making machine and succeeded in making a practical model during the early months of 1907, which has been a complete success in every way. Mr. Grose has a dozen automatic machines at work in his factory and they are being rapidly installed in other places. Their construction is unique, nothing of the kind ever having been put on the market previously. To Mr. Grose belongs the credit for a thoroughly practical and labor-saving invention. His factory needs no traveling representatives, as the demand for its product already far exceeds the supply.

Mr. Grose married Rose A. Keeney, who is a daughter of Charles Keeney, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have had three children, namely: Ethel and Margaret, living, and George, the eldest, who died at the age of thirteen months. Mrs. Grose is a member of the Catholic Church, but Mr. Grose was reared a Methodist. Mr. Grose, like his father, has always been identified with the Democratic party, but takes no very active interest in politics. He belongs to Fostoria Lodge, No. 86, Knights of Pythias.

JAMES W. RABE, M. D., physician and surgeon, of many years' experience, has been a resident of Akron since 1891. He was born at Caldwell, Noble County, Ohio, but was reared at Cleveland.

Dr. Rabe received his literary training in the city of Cleveland, and his medical education in the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1888. He returned to Cleveland and for two years was demonstrator of anatomy in the Western Reserve Medical College. He is a member of the Summit County, the Ohio State, the Northeastern Ohio and the American Medical Associations. He has taken an active part in various sanitary movements in the city when the judgment of a physician bore considerable weight, but takes only a good citizen's interest in politics. Dr. Rabe is surgeon at the Akron City Hospital, and is also surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio, the Pennsylvania & Western and the Cleveland and Valley Railroads. He is medical examiner for a number of life insurance companies, including the New York and Manhattan, of New York; the Northwestern, of Milwaukee; the Metropolitan; the Massachusetts Mutual; the John Hancock, Canadian Life and others. In 1891 Dr. Rabe was married to Maud Nash, daughter of Sumner

Nash, of Akron. They have two children, Mary and J. W., Jr. Dr. Rabe belongs to the Elks and the Elks club and also to the Akron club.

JAMES P. BREEN, superintendent of the northeast side of Portage Township, is a successful general farmer, residing on his valuable farm of thirty-seven acres, which was formerly owned by John McCausland, a prominent pioneer settler, and his father-in-law. Mr. Breen was born at Akron, Ohio, April 1, 1859, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (O'Neil) Breen. Patrick Breen was born in Ireland, where his father died when he was about six years old. Shortly afterward the widowed mother came to America with her two sons, James and Patrick, settling at Xenia, Ohio, where Patrick's mother died. When a young man he came to Akron and entered a powder mill in that city, having learned the business at Xenia. He was married at Akron to Mary O'Neil, a native of that city; her father was a native of Ireland. Patrick and Mary Breen had three children, namely: James P., Lydia and John. Lydia married Harvey Sharp, also of Akron. When James P. Breen was six years of age, his father was killed by an explosion in the powder mill. His mother subsequently married James Glennan, of which union there were three children, namely: Edward, William and Joseph, the latter of whom lives at Akron. Edward died at the age of twenty-seven years, and William died aged fifteen years. The mother survived until 1871.

James P. Breen was deprived of his mother's care and affection when he was a boy of twelve years. He remained at home with his stepfather until he was fifteen, attending school and assisting in caring for the family, as he began work as a teamster when he was only a boy of a dozen years. For about ten years he followed teaming and then entered the Schumacher flour mills, where he worked for eight years. Shortly after his marriage he came to live on the McCausland homestead, acquiring forty-nine acres, and he has followed farming ever since. Recently five acres were sold to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and the remainder of the land is very valuable.

In November, 1884, Mr. Breen was married to Mary McCausland, who is a daughter of the late John McCausland. The family is a very prominent and old-established one of Summit County. Mr. and Mrs. Breen have had seven children, all of whom survive, except the second, Mary, who died aged six years. Those living are: John, who holds a good position with the B. F. Goodrich Company as traveling salesman; and Bertha, Loretto, Charles, Leo and Francis, who are at present students.

Mr. Breen is a good citizen and takes a deep interest in all that concerns Portage Township. He is one of the three township superintendents and looks carefully after public improvements and private interests through that portion over which he has jurisdiction. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church.

JOHN A. KEMPEL, proprietor of the large department and grocery store at Nos. 633-635 South Main Street, Akron, is one of the natives of this busy and prospering city who has assisted in its commercial development and enjoys a large amount of its prosperity. Mr. Kempel was born in this city February 26, 1855, and is a son of Adam Kempel, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and who came to Summit County in 1842, subsequently becoming a leading business man of Akron.

John A. Kempel was only nine years old when he first started to work in a local shoemaker shop, assisting his father, and when he was thirteen he became blacksmith's helper in the Buckeye shops, where he remained until he was seventeen years of age. One trade is about all the ordinary man learns, but Mr. Kempel went from the blacksmith's shop to the chainmaker, and learned that trade and worked at it until he was thirty-six years old, visiting various parts of the country as his work demanded. After this he worked for two years in the knife works, gaining a working knowledge of another self-supporting trade, but in 1893 he embarked in business for him-

self in the grocery line. As a merchant he prospered, and in 1903 he added a regular department line of goods. He owns considerable valuable business property, and in 1895 erected a brick building 22 by 140 feet, two stories in height, on South Main Street. In 1900 he built the City Laundry building, 20 by 200 feet, which he sold to Lawrence Halter, and in 1903, he built a two-story brick adjoining his first building both of these being utilized by Mr. Kempel for his large stock. Mr. Kempel is gradually retiring from the active management of the business, in which he has met with such deserved success. He is a stockholder in the Great Western Cereal Company, is proprietor of the Magic Cereal Coffee Company and is principal owner of Grandview allotment of Barberton. In 1883, Mr. Kempel was married (first) in Pennsylvania, to Eldora Willis, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, who died in 1884, leaving one son, George A., who is with the Sherwood-Potter Company, of New Brighton. Mr. Kempel was married (second) September 1, 1887, to Rosa Berg, who was born in Germany, and they have two children, Dorothy and Lawrence, the former of whom will graduate in the class of 1908, at St. Mary's Academy, Notre Dame, Indiana. Mr. Kempel is a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of St. Joseph's Society, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and of St. Bernard's club.

CHARLES E. HELD, M. D., who stands very high among Akron's physicians and surgeons, and occupies the chair of pathology at the Akron City Hospital, was born at Akron, Ohio, in 1869, but was taken to Portage County by his parents when a babe of one year.

After completing a liberal education, which included attendance in the schools of Clinton, a period at Mt. Union College and one at Wooster University, Dr. Held went into the educational field, beginning to teach in Wayne County, and seven years later he taught his last school at St. Thomas, North Dakota, where he had charge of the schools of that place. In the meanwhile, his leisure had been given to the study of medicine and later he entered the medical department of the Western Reserve University, and after graduation he served for fifteen months as an interne at the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland. On May 1, 1899, he returned to his native city, locating here for the practice of his profession. With the exception of periods when he has been doing post-graduate work at Cleveland, Dr. Held has seldom left his patients, and he has a large and lucrative practice. He keeps in close touch with all modern advancement in his science and is a member of the Summit County Sixth Councilor District, the Ohio State and the American Medical Association. His social connection is with the Celsus club of Akron. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a Woodman and a Maccabee.

In 1902 Dr. Held was married to Nettie Burt, of Brecksville, Ohio, and they have one son, Burt. Dr. Held is a member of the Wabash Avenue Church of Christ, of which he is a trustee, and superintendent of the Sunday School.

JAMES W. BROWN, secretary of the I. S. Myers Company, at Akron, leaders in the clothing line, is one of the city's active business men and has been identified with this concern for many years, both before and since its incorporation. He was born at Morris Run, Pennsylvania, in 1871, and is a son of the late William R. Brown.

James W. Brown was eight years old when his father brought the family to Akron, and he was reared and educated in this city, and as the whole of his business life has been connected with her enterprises, he may be regarded almost in the light of a native son. After leaving school he was employed for a short time by the Diamond Match Company, and following this for eight years was with the New York Clothing House. Afterwards he entered the employ of Myers, Ganyard & Stump, which firm was succeeded by Ganyard & Myers, and this, in turn, was succeeded by I. S. Myers & Company. In 1899 he became a member of the firm and when the business

was incorporated, February 17, 1904, he became secretary. The other officers are: I. S. Myers, president and manager; T. J. Stebick, vice-president; and M. F. Rhodes, treasurer.

In 1896 Mr. Brown was married to Margaret A. Frangen, of Doylestown, Ohio, and they have one child, Gertrude M. Mr. Brown is identified with a number of the leading fraternities. He is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to the Maccabees and the A. I. U.

FRANK WALTZ, a highly esteemed, retired citizen of Johnson's Corners, Summit County, Ohio, and the owner of a tract of thirty-six and one-half acres in Norton Township, is one of the township's most venerable residents and a survivor of the great Civil War. Mr. Waltz was born February 11, 1831, in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of David and Lydia (Baughman) Waltz.

David Waltz, who was a son of Jacob Waltz, removed from Trumbull County to Wayne County, Ohio, and in about 1847 to Norton Township, Summit County, where he purchased a property now known as the J. C. Baughman farm. This he later sold and removed to Wadsworth, where he bought a farm, and subsequently he went to Sharon, Medina County, Ohio. Here, however, he remained less than a year, returning to Wadsworth, where the remainder of his life was spent.

After his marriage, Frank Waltz went to housekeeping on his father's farm in Norton Township, whence, in 1862, he enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being with the Twentieth Army Corps most of the time, under General Gary. He enlisted as a musician, and served as such for two years, and ten months under Sherman, participating in the siege of Atlanta, and the March to the Sea, and being mustered out at Washington, District of Columbia. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and his war record is one which any man might well be proud of. After the war he returned to Johnson's Corners and engaged in the mercantile business for eight years. He afterwards moved to his father's farm in Wadsworth, whence he went to the farm in Sharon, remaining there six years. Subsequently he purchased a tract of eighty-three and one-half acres in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, to which he moved, having sold his eighty-acre farm in Sharon. For about eighteen years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Chippewa Township, and at the end of this time located in Doylestown, where he carried on a grocery business for five years, selling out in 1900 to again locate at Johnson's Corners. In 1904 Mr. Waltz sold his farm in Chippewa Township, and since that time he has lived retired. In addition to his home at Johnson's Corners, Mr. Waltz is the owner of a thirty-six and one-half acre tract in Norton Township.

In 1862 Mr. Waltz was married to Elizabeth Hoffman, who is a daughter of John Hoffman, the blacksmith of Johnson's Corners, and to this union there were born two children—Harry and Albert. Harry, born June 19, 1870, who conducts a store at the Corners, married Nina Schondle in 1900, and they have one child, Alberta, born October 1, 1902. Albert died at the age of eight years, eight months and ten days. Mr. Waltz has served as township trustee in both Sharon Township, Medina County and Chippewa Township, Wayne County.

Mr. Frank Waltz's wife, Elizabeth, died February 27, 1906, at the age of sixty-three years and eleven months.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN AVERILL, proprietor of the Spring Brook Farm Dairy, located at No. 970 West Exchange Avenue, Akron, was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 1, 1863, and is a son of William and Margaret (Welker) Averill.

The father of Mr. Averill died when he was about eight years old and he was reared by his mother, remaining at home in Copley until January 1, 1885, when he was married to Emma Botzum, who is a daughter of Adam and Eliza Botzum. For one year after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Averill remained in Copley, where he still owns 100 acres of land, on

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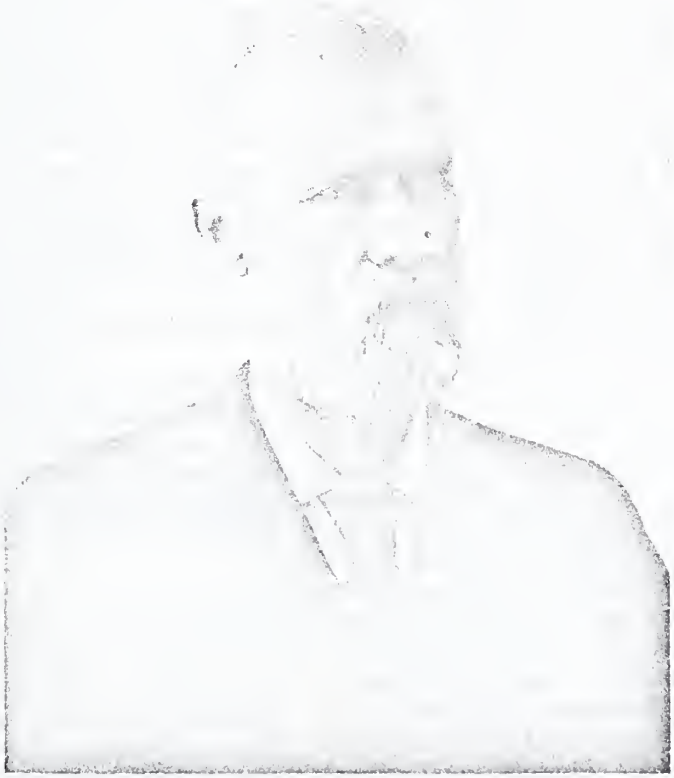

HON. ELI CONN, A. M., M. D.

which his dairy farm is situated, and then moved to Northampton Township for one year, coming to his present home September 22, 1887. At that time his place was located in Portage Township, but has since been absorbed into Akron. In 1900 he erected his substantial barn and recently has remodeled his house, making of it a handsome, modern residence. Up to 1903, when he retired, Mr. Averill was mainly interested in a lumber business, in partnership with A. V. Bennage, under the firm name of Bennage & Averill. The firm bought timber, and owning a portable sawmill, they furnished lumber to contractors and shipbuilders in the rough. They shipped large cargoes of lumber to Cleveland, Buffalo, Tonawanda, Lorain and other points. This firm carried on this business for seventeen years. In 1903 Mr. Averill retired in order to give his attention to farming and dairying. He operates two milk routes and purchases milk by wholesale. This industry is an important one in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Averill have had two children, namely: Lilian and Frank.

Lilian, who resides with her parents, on January 1, 1907, married Clarence Brown, who is interested in the dairy business with Mr. Averill. Frank, a bright and promising child, was snatched away by death in April, 1904, at the age of eight years, five months and five days.

HON. ELI CONN, A. M., M. D., of Akron, now living retired from active pursuits, was formerly a member of the Ohio State Senate, representing Summit County, and for many years was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Akron. As another claim to honorable distinction, he is a veteran of the great Civil War, to which he gave four years of his young manhood. Dr. Conn was born June 10, 1838, in Butler County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Conn.

Dr. Conn comes of Irish and Scotch ancestry. His father was born in Ireland, while his mother, who was of Scotch descent, was born in Pennsylvania. Joseph Conn and Elizabeth Ferguson were married in Pennsylvania, where they continued to live the remainder of their lives, the former dying when his son Eli was fourteen years old, and the latter at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Eli Conn was primarily educated in the district schools of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and was engaged in teaching when the Rebellion broke out. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the 102nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Army of the Potomac; and during the whole progress of the war he served with courage and fidelity, participating in thirty-two severe battles, and innumerable skirmishes, and enduring all the necessary hardships in army life. With great good fortune he survived them all, and when his country no longer needed his services, he received an honorable discharge and returned to the paths of peace. He had been first lieutenant of his company. He then set about completing his education, in 1865 entering Baldwin College, at Berea, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1868. He then attended the Cleveland Medical School for two terms, receiving therefrom his degree of M. D. Subsequently Baldwin College, his alma mater, conferred upon him the degree of A. M. Dr. Conn entered into practice in Butler County, Pennsylvania, but was shortly afterward elected probate judge, and served four years in that office. In 1880 he came to Akron, and in 1882 was elected health officer of this city, in which capacity he served two years. In 1896, in recognition of the qualities he possessed which go to make a statesman, Dr. Conn was elected to the State Senate from Summit County, and during his term of service fulfilled every expectation of his friends. From the time he located in Akron until 1897 he continued actively engaged in the practice of medicine. Professionally as well as socially he is a man of high standing. He is an able writer for the medical press, and is frequently called upon to discuss important questions at the meetings of the various medical associations to which he belongs.

Dr. Conn was married in 1869 to Helen Kingsbury, who was born at Medina, Ohio. They have four children: Ellwood K., Maud J., Mary A. and Helen E. The family home is at No. 740 South Main Street. Politically Dr. Conn is a Republican.

W. L. KELLER, M. D., physician and surgeon at Akron, was born in 1872, at Alliance, Ohio, and has been a resident of Akron for the past five years, during which time he has built up a large practice and gained the friendship and confidence of many of his fellow-citizens. Dr. Keller attended the schools of Alliance and, after graduating from the Alliance High School, entered Mt. Union College, where he was graduated B. S., in the class of 1896. For the succeeding five years he taught school, in the meanwhile directing his reading and study to medicine, and subsequently he entered the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1901. For two years before coming to Akron he practiced in Jefferson County, Ohio. Dr. Keller may be found at his well-appointed office at No. 335 South Main Street. He is a member of the Summit County, the Sixth Councilor District, and the Ohio State Medical Societies. In 1902 Dr. Keller was married at Canton, Ohio, to Edith E. McConkey, who is a daughter of Dr. W. J. McConkey, residing on North Walnut Street, Canton. Fraternally, Dr. Keller is a Mason. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

LOUIS J. WISE, M. D.. Perhaps no city in Ohio has a more notable body of medical men than has Akron, they being, as a whole, educated and enthusiastic men of science. Among these, Dr. Louis J. Wise occupies a leading place and, although one of the younger members of the profession, has been exceedingly successful as a practitioner.

Dr. Wise was born in 1878, in Suffield, Ohio. After completing the public school course there he entered Notre Dame University at South Bend, Indiana, and subsequently Starling Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1901, with his medical degree. He practiced for a short time at St. Joseph, Portage County, Ohio, and then came to Akron. He belongs to the leading medical organizations of the state, including the Summit County Sixth Councilor District, and the Ohio State, and is also a member of the American Medical Association. Dr. Wise belongs also to the Summit County Physician's club. Dr. Wise is a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He belongs also to the Knights of Columbus and to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

FRED HUNSICKER, who is carrying on agricultural operations on his fine farm of 160 acres in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, was born March 2, 1874, in Akron, Ohio, and is a son of John Jacob and Rebecca (Fritz) Hunsicker.

John Jacob Hunsicker was born in 1842 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and there received his education in the common schools. When about sixteen years of age Mr. Hunsicker came to Loyal Oak, Ohio, and there learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed until his last illness. He was a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and was a charter member of the first Lodge of Odd Fellows in Akron, being presented with a medal just before his death as being one of the four oldest Odd Fellows in that city. Mr. Hunsicker was a Republican, with independent inclinations. He married Rebecca Fritz, a daughter of Solomon Fritz, who was a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Four children were born to this union, and three of these grew to maturity: Horace, who is a member of the Ponchot-Hunsicker Company, married Flora E. Yost, a daughter of Charles Yost, of Akron, where he resides; Sadie C., who is the wife of L. E. Smith and resides at Greentown, Ohio; and Fred. John Jacob Hunsicker died in 1904, aged sixty-two years. His widow, who lives in Akron, is fifty-eight years old. She is a member of Grace Reformed Church of Akron, believing in the faith in which her husband died.

Fred Hunsicker received his education in

the common and High schools of his native locality, and as a young man learned the trade of lithographer, which he followed for fifteen years. He then gave it up, resigning the position of foreman of the commercial engraving department of the Werner Company, which he had held for three years. In 1904 he engaged in farming on his present tract, of which he cultivates about 100 acres, raising wheat, oats, corn and hay, each of which crops he markets a portion. He keeps on an average of twenty-four head of cattle, which he fattens and butchers himself for private customers, whose demand is greater than he can accommodate. He has always been industrious and hard-working, and his farm presents one of the best appearances in this section of the township.

Mr. Hunsicker was married to Sarah Jane Stevenson, who is a daughter of Thomas Frazer, and Rachel Stevenson, of Akron. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Thomas Jacob, Horace Irving, Hiram Robert, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Hunsicker is a Republican in politics, but he has never been an officeseeker. With his family he attends Grace Reformed Church, of Akron.

LAWRENCE HALTER, proprietor of the City Laundry, has been actively engaged in business here since December, 1898, coming from Chicago, where he had filled a responsible position with a large manufacturing concern. Mr. Halter was born in 1867, in Southeastern Missouri, where he was reared and educated, passing his life up to twenty years on a farm.

In February, 1888, Mr. Halter came first to Akron, where he formed many pleasant ties during his residence of sixteen months, when he was employed by the Goodrich Company. He then returned to St. Louis, which he had previously visited and where he entered the street railway service, going then to Philadelphia, where he was employed in the same line of industry, and from there to Chicago. In the last named city he entered the manufacturing firm of Morgan & Wright, starting in the shops and working up until within three years he was made foreman of the mechanical molding department, in which capacity he continued therefor three years longer.

In 1898, when Mr. Halter returned to Akron, he purchased a small place at his present location and at first carried on a hand laundry. This he has developed until he has now one of the best equipped laundry plants in the city. Mr. Halter is established in the building at No. 637 South Main Street, where he has a frontage of 20 by 110 feet, with rear dimensions of 28 by 90 feet. He makes use of the best laundry methods known and has installed all kinds of improved machinery. He is interested in other business enterprises and is a director in the German-American Building and Loan Association.

In 1894 Mr. Halter was married to Lottie J. Bernard, of Akron, and they have five children: Lottie L., Herbert B., Helen, Gertrude and Beatrice. Mr. Halter and family belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of the order of Knights of Columbus, the Pathfinders, and of the German club. Politically, he is a Democrat. Mr. Halter is numbered with the city's successful citizens.

T. J. STEBICK, vice-president of the I. S. Myers Company, clothiers and leaders in this line at Akron, was born in this city in 1872, and is a son of George Stebick, who was born in Germany and has been a respected resident of Akron for more than thirty years.

T. J. Stebick was reared and educated in his native city and at the age of fifteen years entered the employ of Ganyard & Myers, and has been identified with this house ever since. The original firm was succeeded by I. S. Myers & Company, and February 17, 1904, it was incorporated as The I. S. Myers Company, the officers of which are: I. S. Myers, president and manager; T. J. Stebick, vice-president; J. W. Brown, secretary; and M. F. Rhodes, treasurer.

Mr. Stebick is a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He belongs to the order of

Knights of Columbus and to the Foresters. His standing both socially and in business is very high and he is justly regarded as a good and representative citizen of Akron.

GERALD S. WORK, department manager of the widely known B. F. Goodrich Company, of Akron, manufactures of rubber tires, was born in this city in 1880, a son of Alanson Work. He was reared in Akron, his literary education being completed at St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., and at Yale College, where he spent one year, leaving the college in June, 1900. In the same year he entered the office of the B. F. Goodrich Company and in the following January became manager of the company's Department No. 1. Mr. Work is a prominent figure both in the business and social world of Akron. He is a member of the Akron Club, the Portage Country Club, the Walton Fish and Gun Club and the Automobile Club of Akron. Few are more ready than he to lend their aid in support of any practical movement for the advancement of the material prosperity and social elevation of the community.

ALBERT ALLEN was long one of the leading and successful business men of Akron. He was born March 12, 1827, in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and was a son of Levi and Phebe (Spicer) Allen.

The parents of Mr. Allen had settled in Coventry Township in 1811 and he grew up amid pioneer surroundings. Instead of turning his attention to agricultural pursuits when he reached his majority, he learned the millwright's trade and worked at the same for nine years. In 1856 he was given the contract for converting the old Perkins woolen mill into a flouring mill and when it was completed he was retained in the employ of the firm of Perkins & Company. Later, in partnership with Alexander H. Commins, he bought the Stone mill, and under the firm name of Commins & Allen a large amount of business was done. Mr. Commins died in 1880, leaving his entire estate in the hands of Albert Allen, his will being such that Mr. Allen had the disposition of all the property without bonds. The firm name of Commins & Allen was continued until the business was merged into the F. Schumacher Milling Company, in 1886. Mr. Allen became vice-president of this company and one of its directors and continued his interest until his death, which occurred September 25, 1888, when he was over sixty-one years of age.

Mr. Allen never married. His only sister, Cynthia Allen, cared for his home, and young life was introduced in the person of his niece, Minnie E. Allen, who subsequently became the wife of Henry M. Stone, now a resident of Denver, Colorado. At the time of his death, Mr. Allen's large estate was shown and its wise provisions made public. To his devoted sister was given a large portion, while educational institutions and religious bodies were remembered with the justice of a conscientious man. Like all other members of his family, he was devoted to the interests of the Disciples Church.

F. DATON VOGAN, of the prominent business firm of Tifft & Vogan, carriage dealers and also dealers in all kinds of agricultural implements, at Cuyahoga Falls, is numbered with the representative men of this place. Mr. Vogan was born at Princeton, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1856, and is a son of Joseph E. and Clarissa (Allen) Vogan.

Joseph E. Vogan was a native of Venango County, Pennsylvania, and at the time of his death a resident of Newcastle. He was a member of the fire department in that town and it was in answering a call of duty that he was accidentally killed. He was a stanch Republican, and for a number of years had held the position of policeman and street commissioner. Fraternally he was connected with the United Workmen. He married Clarisra Allen, who died in April, 1905, when within a few days of being seventy-two years of age. They had two children, namely: F. Daton and Olive, now deceased, who married Albert Lindsey, of Youngstown.

F. Daton Vogan spent his boyhood in Newcastle, and then went to Youngstown, where he learned the trade of horse-shoer, after which he returned to Newcastle and formed a partnership with William Evans, under the firm name of Evans & Vogan, and they operated a blacksmith shop for some years. Subsequently, Mr. Vogan sold out and in 1881 he came to Cuyahoga Falls and entered into business with Robert Tryon, now of Akron, under the firm name of Vogan & Tryon. This connection lasted several years, when Mr. Vogan bought his partner's interest and conducted the business alone until 1885, when he added buggy dealing to his other business, continuing to prosper as formerly. On January 26, 1896, he entered into partnership with Smith D. Tifft, and together they have established the largest house of its kind in this section of Ohio. Both partners are capable business men and possess the qualities which command the confidence of the buying public.

Mr. Vogan married Mary C. Weidner, daughter of Jacob Weidner, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have two children—Florence M. and Kathryn Ruth. Mrs. Vogan is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which religious body Mr. Vogan was reared by his parents. Politically he is a Republican, but with him business comes first and he has found no time to accept political office. He is a member of Star Lodge, No. 187, F. & A. M.

OHIO C. BARBER, president of the First National Bank of Akron, was born at Akron, April 20, 1841, and is a son of George and Eliza (Smith) Barber.

George Barber was born January 27, 1805 in Hartford, Connecticut, but was reared in Onondaga County, New York, where he learned the coopering business. When about twenty-one years of age, he came to Ohio, in the capacity of peddler of clocks, his main idea, however, being to select a favorable location for his business, and this he found at the village which was then known as Middlebury. He worked as a cooper until 1847, and then embarked in the match manufacturing business, being one of its pioneers in this territory. Business facilities were then far from perfect and, although Mr. Barber's enterprise was eminently successful, he decided to enter into another line for a time, and embarked in hotel-keeping. One year later, however, he resumed his match manufacturing, which he continued as long as he found it profitable. This business may be described as the nucleus of the great combination of capital now known as the Diamond Match Company, of which his son, Ohio C., is the president. On April 1, 1835, George Barber was married to Eliza Smith, who was born at Canton, Ohio, January 15, 1817. Of their eight children, but two survive: Ohio C. and Mrs. John K. Robinson. The death of Mr. Barber occurred April 12, 1879.

Ohio C. Barber as early as the age of sixteen years became associated with his father in the match business, in 1862 assuming entire management. In 1868 the business was organized as the Barber Match Company, with George Barber as president, Ohio C. Barber as secretary and treasurer and John K. Robinson as general agent. In 1881 the great corporation known as the Diamond Match Company came into existence, through the combination of twenty-eight match companies, its capital then being $6,000,000. Ohio C. Barber was the first vice president and was made president in 1888. Mr. Barber has been and still is deeply interested in many great enterprises, representing wide and varied interests. He has always been one of the most enterprising citizens of Akron, and, with all his vast outside interests, has never been indifferent to her welfare. On October 10, 1865, Mr. Barber was married to Laura L. Brown, and they have had two children, one of whom, Anna Laura, still survives.

HORACE HUNSICKER, treasurer of the Pouchot-Hunsicker Company, one of Akron's large business enterprises, was born at Akron, Ohio, in 1870, and is a son of John Jacob Hunsicker, a carpenter and builder, who came, in 1862, to Akron, where he died

in 1904. Horace Hunsicker was reared and educated at Akron and in boyhood started to learn the first principles of the carpenter's trade, which, however, he never completed. After spending several seasons on the farm, he entered the employ of the firm of Jahant & Weber, where he continued for eight years. When the company of Morgan & Pouchot was organized, he became a member of that firm, which was succeeded by the Pouchot-Hunsicker Company. He has been treasurer of this organization ever since he became a member of the original firm. His business acumen and enterprising methods have been just so many assets to the concern. Personally, he is a man of honorable life and of high social standing.

On March 4, 1896, Mr. Hunsicker was married to Flora E. Yost, of Akron, and they have two children—Edna Rebecca and Sarah Alberta. Mr. Hunsicker is a member of Grace Reformed Church. Fraternally, he is a Mason.

DAVID C. LONG, a general farmer and dairyman, who resides on his first-class farm of forty-four acres, which is situated near Fairlawn, in Portage Township, came to Summit County in 1867. He was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1849, and is a son of Samuel and Magdalena (Arnold) Long.

David C. Long spent his boyhood in Pennsylvania, where he was partly educated, and he attended a select school in Green Township, after reaching Summit County, his parents living there for one year. His father then purchased the farm on which Mr. Long resides, moving onto it in 1873. The father died on this farm in September, 1892, his wife having passed away in 1874. They had eleven children, of whom David C. was the seventh son.

In 1879 David C. Long was married to Lydia Staver, who is a daughter of Rev. Elias Staver, an Evangelical minister located at Greensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Long have had four children: Ralph, who died at the age of thirteen years; Leo, residing at Akron, who married Clara Robinett, and Harry and George, both valuable assistants to their father. Mr. Long and his family belong to the West Side Congregational Church at Akron. He takes an active interest in public matters and lends his aid and influence in promoting the best interests of the township of which he is a representative citizen. In politics a Republican, Mr. Long served as assessor of Portage Township for four years and at present is one of the township trustees.

JOHN W. WALSH, whose fine estate of ninety-five acres can scarcely be excelled in Summit County for beauty of location or extensive improvements, has here made stock-raising a science and farming a hobby. Mr. Walsh was born in Cuyahoga Falls Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 18, 1854, and is a son of William and Rose (Carlin) Walsh.

William Walsh was born in County Cork, Ireland, came to America in 1848, and died at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, March 23, 1904, aged seventy-six years. In Ireland he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he intended to follow after locating in the United States, but circumstances diverted him to the paper-making industry, which he followed for some forty years at the Falls, being an active man up to the time of his death. He married Rose Carlin, whom he survived, her death taking place January 23, 1901, when she had attained the age of seventy-five years. They had eight children, namely: Mary, who married Jacob Donaldson, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; John W., Richard E., who is deceased; Rose A., residing with her brother, John W.; Thomas F., Isabelle A., deceased; Cornelius M., who is connected with the Walsh Milling Company, and Margaret E., residing with her brother, John W. The family was reared in the Roman Catholic faith.

John W. Walsh obtained his education in the common and High Schools of Cuyahoga Falls, after which he spent seven years in the Hanford Brothers' paper mills. At the end of this time he entered the regular army, be-

coming a member of Company E, Second U. S. Infantry. He remained in the service for five years, being successively under the command of General Miles, General Wheaton and General Howard. He reached Idaho, in August, 1877, and for one year was engaged in the campaign against the Nez Perce Indians. After leaving the army Mr. Walsh continued to live in the West for five years more. He went to Washington and there embarked in a saw-mill business which he expanded into a flourishing industry, requiring him to employ a force of twenty men. This business he continued until 1889, when his thoughts turned to the East and to the section in which he was born, resulting in his coming back to look over the business situation here. He has never since left this favored part of the country.

Shortly after his return to Cuyahoga Falls, Mr. Walsh purchased an interest in the Cuyahoga Paper Company, which later became the Walsh Paper Company, and he continued to manage this business until May 19, 1902. In the meantime he had purchased the Howe farm, his present estate, and resided in the old homestead until the completion of his magnificent residence, which, without doubt, is the finest rural home in Summit County. The building of this home was commenced in 1899 and was completed in 1901. It is solidly constructed of brick and its stately exterior is matched by its fine interior finish and rich furnishings. Every modern comfort and convenience made possible by the use of money and the exercise of good taste, have been introduced to make this a home in every sense of the word. The house has a beautiful setting, including a wide, grassy lawn, noble shade trees and flowering shrubs. There is about the entire place a harmony of details that is pleasant to contemplate and must have been a joy to plan.

On this beautiful farm is to be found a herd of some of the finest cattle in Summit County. They include Aberdeen, Angus and Holstein, with a few Jerseys. Mr. Walsh owns a Polled-Angus bull, a splendid specimen, which took the prize at the Summit County fair in 1905. He makes farming only a side issue, enjoying it more as a hobby than as an occupation for profit. He has two silos and raises his own feed. Mr. Walsh here also is able to indulge his love of fine dogs and owns a number of blooded Shepherd and French bull dogs, of the best strains. It is scarcely necessary to add, in a work which belongs especially to a section in which he is so well known, that Mr. Walsh is a genial, companionable man, big-hearted and generous, benevolent and charitable. Although he is an admirer and strong supporter of the present Chief Executive of the Nation, he was reared a Democrat and still adheres to the old principles of that party. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Cuyahoga Falls.

WILLIAM M. METZLER, assistant general superintendent of the Diamond Rubber Company, at Akron, was born in this city in 1860, and is a son of the late Christopher Metzler, who was born in Germany and who came to Akron in 1840. For a number of years Christopher Metzler was turnkey at the Summit County Jail, and for eighteen years he was a mail carrier. He was a widely respected citizen. His death occurred in 1881.

After finishing school William M. Metzler, with the healthy sentiment which inspires American youths to seek to become self-supporting, entered the Merrill Pottery Works, where he continued one year. He then was with the Baker McMillan Company for three years, going from their employ to that of the Buckeye Mower & Reaper Works, where he remained for three years. He then spent seven years with the B. F. Goodrich Company. For the five following years he was with the Eastern Rubber Company, at Trenton, New Jersey, as superintendent, and then returned to Akron, where he became assistant superintendent of the Diamond Rubber Company, a position he held until 1904, when he was advanced to assistant general superintendent. Mr. Metzler has climbed to his present responsible position step by step, showing industry and capacity at every point, and

is a typical successful business man of the day, one well up in technical knowledge as well as trained along executive lines. He has other business interests and is a stockholder in the Northwestern Rubber Company, of Liverpool, England.

In 1881 Mr. Metzler married Rosa Jones, who was born at Kent, Ohio, and they have four children, namely: David A., who is assistant superintendent of the Alkali Rubber Company; William J., who is general foreman of the hose room of the Diamond Rubber Company; Mary, who is a student in the Akron High School, and Ethel, who is a student in the Sacred Heart Academy. Mr. Metzler and family belong to St. Vincent's Catholic Church. His fraternal associations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

HARRY F. BLACKBURN, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Akron, was born in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, in 1871, and is a son of Thomas Blackburn, who located at Hudson in 1856, where he now lives a retired life. His former occupation was farming.

Harry F. Blackburn was reared and educated in his native section, and in 1889 came to Akron, where he was engaged as bookkeeper in the roofing business with the firm of Akers & Harpham until 1893, when he entered the First National Bank at Akron, as a clerk. His faithfulness and fidelity soon caused advancement and by 1902 he was made assistant cashier of this firmly established financial institution. He has other business connections, also being treasurer of the Burt Manufacturing Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Akron Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Blackburn enlisted in 1893 in Company B, Eighth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, and was promoted from the position of a private through all the ranks to a captaincy. At the outbreak of hostilities with Spain, he went out as first lieutenant of Company B, being mustered in May 13, 1898, at Columbus, from which point the regiment was sent to Falls Church, Virginia, and on July 4th following left for New York city. There the Eighth Regiment took transports for Cuba, reaching the island in time to take part in the closing up of the Santiago campaign. After three weeks in Cuba, during which period the company showed the valor justly attributed to American soldiers, it was transported to Montauk Point, reaching there on August 26th. Mr. Blackburn was given a furlough home and was mustered out of the service November 21, 1898. Subsequently he was appointed regimental adjutant and held this rank until he retired quite recently, having no cause to feel anything but pride in his military record.

In 1899 Mr. Blackburn was married to Clara Schaeffer, who is a daughter of George G. Schaeffer, of Akron, and they have four children—Grace A., Metta Aleen, Helen and Harryette. With his family Mr. Blackburn is connected with Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Blackburn is master of Adoniram Lodge, F. & A. M., of Akron, and is captain general of Akron Commandery. He is identified with the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Akron, and with Lake Erie Consistory and Alkoran Shrine, at Cleveland. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES BOUTON, of the firm of Charles Bouton & Son, proprietors of the Champion Evaporator Company, manufacturers of the Champion Evaporator for maple, sorghum, cider and fruit jellies and sugar-makers' supplies, at Hudson, was born at Concord, Lake County, Ohio, December 3, 1829, and is a son of Seth and Sallie (Poole) Bouton.

The Bouton family is of French extraction and its founders in America came to the United States with General Lafayette, during the Revolutionary War. Seth Bouton was born in the State of New York and there married Sallie Poole, who came of English ancestors. Their surviving children are: Charles, Lyman H., residing at Perry, Jefferson County, Kansas; Jane, who married a

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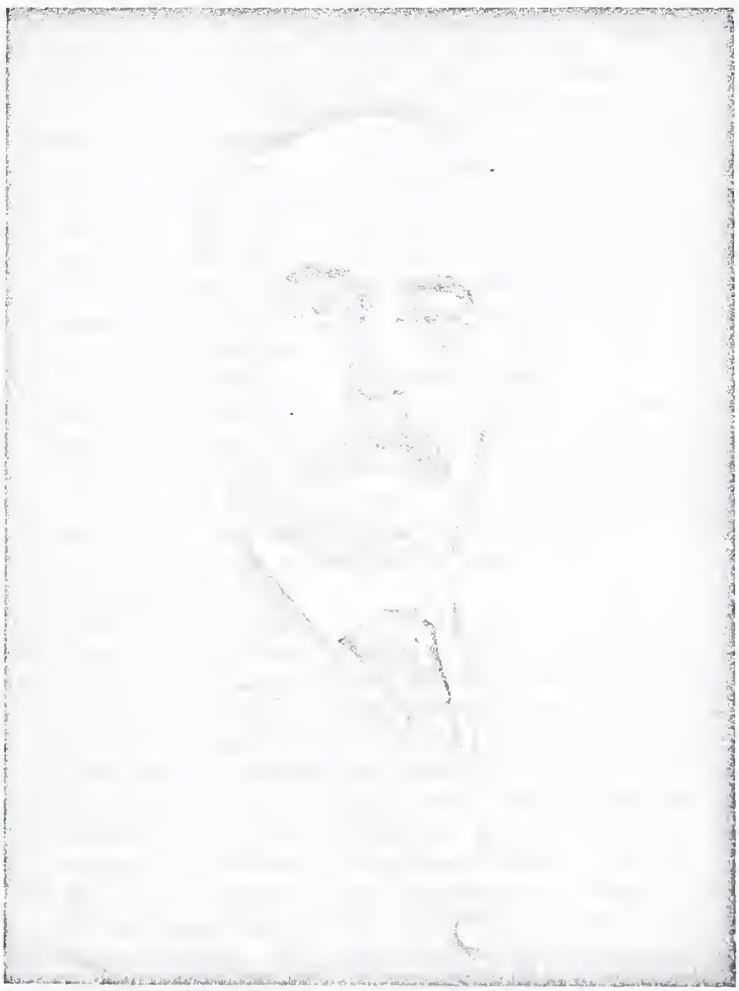

CHARLES TUTTLE PARKS

Mr. Hawkins, and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. McCloughry, both residing at Blue Island, Illinois. In 1836, Seth Bouton moved to Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, and built a log house in the woods between Hudson and Peninsula. Later he and wife removed to Blue Island, Illinois, where both died.

Charles Bouton was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to Summit County, and he assisted his father to clear up the farm, to the extent of his strength, remaining at home until he was fourteen years of age. He then went to live with Lawson Waterman, with whom he remained until twenty-two years of age, with Mr. Waterman engaging in the construction of canal boats. When he was nineteen years old he was capable of building boats himself. When the excitement spread through the country on account of the discovery of large deposits of gold in California, Mr. Bouton made the trip westward by way of the Isthmus of Panama, but returned in 1854, overcome by homesickness. He married soon after and resumed boat building at Peninsula. Later he bought a canal boat and engaged in boating for five years. He then engaged with his father-in-law in running a dry dock and boat-building, under the firm name of Johnson & Bouton—a business that flourished until 1873, Mr. Bouton having continued it alone from 1866, when his father-in-law died.

On April 15, 1874, Mr. Bouton came to Hudson and bought the old Mansion House and also started a livery business, conducting the hotel until 1883 and the livery business until 1886. In this year he acquired a financial interest in the business of G. H. Grim & Company, which had commenced the manufacture of evaporators some years previously, and in 1888 the business was incorporated as the G. H. Grim Manufacturing Company and was so conducted until Mr. Bouton purchased, in 1895. Since then he has operated the business under its present style. Rebuilding and improvement of the plant was made in 1905, and a large amount of business is carried on, the territory extending from Central New York through a large part of the West.

Mr. Bouton served as township assessor.

On April 5, 1854, Mr. Bouton was married to Helen A. Johnson, who was born at Boston Village, Summit County, Ohio, and who died May 29, 1872. She was a daughter of Henry Johnson, who was long a prominent man in this section. They had three children: Lillian, Lawson W. and Clarence R. Lillian, now deceased, married R. K. Pelton, of Cleveland, and they had two children—Mrs. Helen Williams, who has one daughter, Ruth, and Roy. Lawson W. died at Galveston, Texas, in 1904, and is buried with his mother, at Peninsula. Clarence R., who is associated with his father in business, married Oma Coyle and has one child—Darlene. He is a member of the Hudson Village School Board.

Charles Bouton is a Democrat, and he has served both as township trustee of Boston Township and as a member of the School Board. He belongs to Hudson Lodge, No. 510, F. & A. M., his son being also identified with the same body.

CHARLES TUTTLE PARKS, funeral director, located at No. 17 High Street, Akron, also official undertaker for the Harrison Burial Association of Akron, is one of the substantial men of this city. He is a survivor of the great Civil War, in which he served for four years. Mr. Parks was born October 27, 1844, in Summit County, Ohio, a son of George and Ruth (Tuttle) Parks. He was only a schoolboy when he answered the call for soldiers to suppress the Rebellion, enlisting April 27, 1861, in Company C, 16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served four months. When this regiment went out it was generally believed that a few months would see the end of the war, but this hope was soon dispelled, and after the close of his first term of service, Mr. Parks felt it his duty to re-enter the ranks and continue his service in behalf of the Union. He was a member of Company H, 16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for over three years, making a total of four years

of army service. He bears a token of the siege of Vicksburg in the absence of a finger of his right hand.

After returning from the army, Mr. Parks engaged for some seven years in a lumber business at Wooster, Ohio. In 1874 he opened an undertaking establishment at Wooster, where he remained until 1880. He then came to Akron, and was here connected with the Buckeye works for eight years. Subsequently he took a complete course in the embalming department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, and then resumed undertaking at Akron. He has a modern, well-equipped establishment and has gained an excellent reputation in his line of business.

The Harrison Burial Association of Akron, of which Mr. Parks is official undertaker, has owned its burial grounds for the past six years. The president of the association is John Sowers, county recorder; vice-president is B. F. Clark, ex-county recorder, and its secretary and treasurer is E. J. Jenkins. The organization has a large membership and commands the confidence of the general public. As official undertaker Mr. Parks gives ambulance service both day and night.

Mr. Parks was married in 1865 to Margaret Curry, of Wooster, who died in 1891. He was married (second) in 1893 to Leora Allyn, of Akron. Mrs. Parks is also a graduated embalmer, probably the only one of her sex in this vicinity to have taken a course of this kind. Her husband finds her a valuable assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Parks reside at No. 200 Cole Avenue. Politically Mr. Parks is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, Odd Fellow, and Woodman.

A. H. MARKS, who, as vice president and superintendent of the Diamond Rubber Company, occupies a very prominent place in the business world at Akron, belongs to a rather notable body of young men of affairs, who are prominent in a number of the great industries of this city. Mr. Marks was born in 1874, at Lynn, Massachusetts.

After completing the High School course at Lynn, Mr. Marks entered Harvard College. Later he became associated with the Boston Wire Hose and Rubber Company, with whom he remained for two years as assistant chemist. For one year subsequently he was with the Revere Rubber Company, at Chelsea, Massachusetts, as chief chemist, leaving there to come to Akron as vice president and superintendent of the Diamond Rubber Company. He is identified with other rubber interests, being president of and a director in the Alkali Rubber Company, occupying also the same relations with the Northwestern Rubber Company, of Liverpool, England, and also with the Pan-American Crude Rubber Company.

In October, 1896, Mr. Marks was married to Florence B. Whitney, and they have one child, Robert Whitney. Mr. and Mrs. Marks belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is connected with a number of social organizations, among them being the Portage Country Club, of Akron; the Union Club, of Cleveland; the Hermit Club, of Cleveland, and the Eastern Yacht Club, of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Fraternally, he is a Mason.

ALBERT E. ROACH, who fills the important office of paymaster for the B. F. Goodrich Company, of Akron, has been a resident of this city for the past quarter of a century and is a well-known and highly regarded citizen. He was born at Twinsburg, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Moses N. Roach. The Roach family came to Ohio from Vermont in the person of James Roach, grandfather of Albert E., and was one of the earliest settlers at Twinsburg. Moses N. Roach was born in 1829, at Twinsburg, where he died in 1886, having spent almost his whole life at that place.

Albert E. Roach was reared at Twinsburg, attended Bissell Institute, and took a course at the Western Reserve Seminary, at West Farmington, after which he went into the railroad business. For ten years he was connected with the Valley Railroad, and for nine years with the C. A. & C. Railroad. In 1900 he entered the office of the B. F. Goodrich

Company in his present capacity, which is one of great responsibility, entailing the accurate handling of large sums of money for the army of employes, incidentally adding greatly to the business of Akron and to the comfort of many of her citizens.

On May 13, 1885, Mr. Roach was married to Agnes M. Meikle, the ceremony taking place at Unadilla, Nebraska. They have three children—Ethel M., Elizabeth M. and Alberta. Mr. Roach and family are affiliated with the Universalist Church. For the past fifteen years Mr. Roach has been secretary of Akron Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M., and belongs also to the Chapter and Council at Akron. His social relations are with the Masonic Club and he was one of the promoters of the Portage Path Canoe Club.

CHARLES A. WEIDNER, purchasing agent of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company, at Cuyahoga Falls, has been identified with this important industry for many years. Mr. Weidner was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, June 29, 1857, and is a son of Jacob F. and Caroline (Hess) Weidner.

The father of Mr. Weidner was born in Wertemberg, Germany, January 18, 1827, and was only eight days old when he was bereft of his mother. He was reared under the careful but strict supervision of his father and was taught the trade of cooper. In 1849 he emigrated to America, and after spending one year in Cleveland, came to Cuyahoga Falls, in March, 1850. Here he went into a cooperage business which, during the Civil War, was a very thriving one, and which he carried on as long as it was profitable, retiring some years prior to his death, December 8, 1900. He was active at one time in politics and served on the City Council. On August 9, 1853, he was married to Catherine Anna Hess, at Vermillion, Ohio, who was born in Hessen, Germany, July 13, 1832, and was brought to America by her parents when four years old. There were five children born to this marriage, namely: Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of E. E. Pierce, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania; Charles A., whose name begins this sketch; Mary C., who married F. D. Vogan, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; George F., residing at Columbus, and Nellie G., who married C. E. Wilsdorf, residing at Cleveland. The mother of this family died April 8, 1905. Both she and husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was treasurer for many years.

Charles A. Weidner was educated in the common and High Schools at Cuyahoga Falls. In 1875 he entered the employ of the Falls Rivet Company, where he remained about ten years, and then for several years was otherwise engaged, in 1887 re-entering the employ of the same company. For the past fourteen years, Mr. Weidner has been connected with the offices of this company, and for the past three years he has been purchasing agent, a position which carries with it large responsibilities, and the holding of which indicates the high degree of confidence placed in him by his employers.

Mr. Weidner married Elsie C. Smith, who is a daughter of William M. Smith, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have one son, Harry C. In politics Mr. Weidner is a Republican, and for ten years he served as city clerk.

E. A. LAWTON, superintendent of the Akron Water Works Company, has been a resident of this city for a period covering forty years. He is of New England birth, born at New Bedford, Massachusetts, September 30, 1836, and was reared and educated in his native place. When nineteen years of age Mr. Lawton went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he secured work as a machinist and lake engineer. He remained in that city for about twelve years, coming then to Akron and entering the employ of the Brewster Coal Company as locomotive engineer, and thus continuing for thirteen years. In 1880, he became superintendent and engineer of the Akron Water Works Company, a responsible position in which he has continued until the present time. Mr. Lawton is a very capable man in his line. Since locating at Akron he

has sought to fulfil the duties of a good citizen and has worked for improvements of a public nature, aiming to advance the general welfare. For four years he was a member of the City Council from the Fifth Ward.

At Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Lawton was married to Mary Cox, who died in 1894. The surviving children are the following: Hannah Ida, residing at home; Alfred, who is a locomotive engineer employed on the Panama Canal; Emma, who is the wife of John Engelhardt, of Atlanta, Georgia; Edward, who is a member of the Cleveland Fire Department; Lottie, who married John Donahue, residing in Chicago; Charles, residing at Akron, and Abbie, who married John Metzler, in the employ of the Diamond Rubber Company. Mr. Lawton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FRED E. SMITH, president of the South Akron Banking Company, has been a resident of Akron for the past thirty years, and is prominently identified with many of her leading interests. He was born in Portage County, Ohio, September 4, 1857, came to Akron in 1877, and in point of service is the oldest banker still active in the business in this city.

Mr. Smith was reared in Portage County through boyhood and attended the common schools and later the Akron schools and Hiram College. When eighteen years of age he started out on the road as salesman and collector for a Cleveland firm, traveling for three years over Ohio and the northeastern States. He then came to Akron, where he was connected with a millinery store for three months, and then was engaged for three years in a real estate and insurance business with John H. Auble. Since then Mr. Smith has been continuously connected with the banking business. For thirteen years he was vice president and cashier of the Second National Bank. The South Akron Bank was organized in May, 1906, and Mr. Smith has been its president since. The banking institutions of Akron have an established reputation throughout the State, and the South Akron Bank is no exception, Mr. Smith's name lending it assurance of stability and fidelity. On account of the confidence felt by his fellow-citizens, he is frequently called upon to act as receiver, and satisfactorily performed the duties of this position for the Aultman-Miller and other companies.

In 1882, Mr. Smith was married to Addie E. Tuttle, who is a daughter of Seth Tuttle, who, for forty years was identified with the Taplen Rice Stove and Furnace Company. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children, viz: Jessie M., who is the wife of H. M. Eaton, residing at Akron, and Howard R. and Gertrude M., who are students in the Akron High School.

Mr. Smith belongs to numerous fraternal, benevolent and business organizations, and has been frequently elected treasurer of the same. He takes a patriot's interest in public affairs and has often been honored by election to positions of trust and responsibility. He has served both as city treasurer and as a member of the board of Education, also as county treasurer. Personally, he is a man held in very high esteem. His public spirit has helped the city and his benevolence has frequently prompted him to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself.

FRED G. ZELLER, a prominent stock farmer of Northampton Township, where he owns 186 acres of land, and has 150 under cultivation, was born at Fremont, Ohio, November 19, 1881, and is a son of George and Lenora (Sharp) Zeller.

George Zeller, residing on a fine farm of ninety-five acres, in Portage Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 19, 1852, and is a son of William Zeller, who came to Akron, Summit County, in 1860. He was a saddler by trade and followed this for a number of years in both Greentown and Uniontown, Ohio. He married a daughter of William Wise, of Stark County, and she died in 1888, aged sixty-two years. William Zeller died March 2, 1907, aged eighty-two years. He had acquired considerable property

and presented his grandson, Fred G., with his farm, when the latter was twenty years of age. George Zeller worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-four years old and then entered the Buckeye shops at Akron, where he worked for some years as a steamfitter. In 1895 he resumed farming, purchasing the property on which he has resided ever since. In 1896 his barn was destroyed by fire, and in 1897 he replaced it by one of the most substantial structures in Portage Township, with dimensions of 70 by 40 feet, with 18-foot posts. George Zeller carries on a general farming line, raising wheat, corn and oats, keeps a dozen head of cattle and ships his milk to Akron. Formerly he raised hogs quite extensively, but does not take much interest in this industry at present.

George Zeller married Lenora Sharp, of Akron, and they have had three children, the two survivors being: Fred G. and Clara, the latter residing at home. Mr. Zeller, like his father, has been a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, since he reached maturity.

Fred G. Zeller was educated in the schools at Akron. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since he took possession of his farm, which he operated first as a dairy farm. He realized, however, that there was more money to be made on his land in stock-raising and now gives the larger part of his attention to buying calves, pigs and sheep, which he fattens for market. His main crops are hay, oats, corn and wheat. He is an enterprising young man with modern ideas and progressive methods and occupies a recognized position among the agriculturists of his section.

Mr. Zeller married Emma Gartley, who is a daughter of Samuel Gartley, of Cuyahoga Falls, and they have one daughter, Esther Lenora, born July 31, 1906. In politics, Mr. Zeller is somewhat independent, with a leaning toward Republicanism.

JOHN W. FRANK, county commissioner of Summit County, and one of its leading citizens, resides on his valuable and well-improved farm of 200 acres, situated in Portage Township. Mr. Frank was born near the village of Uniontown, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, November 29, 1838, and is a son of George Jacob and Eva (Weimer) Frank.

The parents of Mr. Frank were both born in Germany, the father in Wurttenberg and the mother in Alsace-Loraine. George Jacob learned the cabinet-maker's trade and also that of house carpenter. When he reached military age, he entered the German army and served out his necessary term and was in Alsace-Loraine when he was discharged. It was there he met the lady who became his wife, and after their marriage they settled near her home and continued to live there until 1837, when they came to America, bringing their five children. One daughter died at Havre, France, while the party was awaiting the sailing of their vessel. It took them a long time to reach Buffalo, New York, from which point they went to Cleveland and then on down the canal to Stark County, where George Jacob Frank bought a farm of eighty acres, the same on which John W. Frank was born.

John W. Frank remained on the home farm until he was seventeen years old and then entered on an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. He also learned cabinet making, following this business for eight years. His mother died in 1870, and in 1872, the father sold the farm and subsequently lived until his death, in 1884, with his son, George Frank, at Uniontown. On the breaking out of the Civil War, John W. Frank started on his way to Indiana, where he anticipated finding work at his trade, and as he happened to be at Wabash, he attended a great war meeting held there that night, and when he reached Marshall County, his intended destination, he found war excitement prevailing. He worked there for several months, however, but on September 10, 1861, he followed the example of the majority of the young men of the neighborhood, and enlisted in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry, made up from

both Indiana and Illinois, Mr. Frank belonging to an Indiana organization.

Almost immediately after enlisting, Mr. Frank was appointed corporal of his company, and during his fifteen months of service he performed every duty with cheerfulness and bravery. The cavalry was called on to do a great deal of scouting in Arkansas, and many of the regiment took sick at Helena, Mr. Frank among the number. Three boatloads of sick were sent up the Mississippi River to Keokuk, Iowa, landing there ten days later, Mr. Frank, at this time being unable to walk. He was prostrated for ten weeks in a hospital, his brother George assisting in his nursing for seven weeks, and finally taking him home, where good care finally restored him to health. He was honorably discharged at Keokuk as orderly sergeant having received several promotions.

Mr. Frank came to Akron in 1863 and worked several month at his trade, and from his marriage in October, 1863, until the following spring, he lived in Uniontown. At this time his wife, who was a very capable young woman and for many years a teacher, took charge of the Uniontown schools, teaching through the summer, while Mr. Frank became bookkeeper for a merchant in this village. In the fall of 1864 they returned to the Frank farm and lived there for the following eight years, in the spring of 1873, moving to the farm on which they now live. At that time, Mr. Frank bought 116 acres, which he devoted to general farming, but as he gradually added more land he went into stock-raising. For many subsequent years he dealt largely in sheep, feeding and shipping, at times as many as 500 head. He is one of the township's most substantial men and useful citizens.

On October 27, 1863, Mr. Frank was married to Margaret F. Thompson, who is a daughter of Jacob Thompson. She was born in Stark County, Ohio, but was reared at Springfield Lake, Summit County. Mr. and Mrs. Frank have four children, namely: Elta Lorena, residing at home; Charles Walter, township clerk of Portage Township, manages the home farm; Margaret Leora, residing at home; and John Clarence, residing at Barberton, is purchasing agent for the Sterling Boiler Works.

Politically, Mr. Frank is a Democrat and he has been active in public affairs for many years. Prior to removing from Stark County, he was a trustee and treasurer of Lake Township, and since coming to Portage Township has been its clerk for two terms. In 1906 he was elected county commissioner, a just tribute to Mr. Frank's prominence in this section. He holds membership with Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic. With his family, he belongs to the West Congregational Church at Akron.

ARTHUR W. SCUDDER, postmaster at Fairlawn, resides on his well-improved farm of eighty acres, in Portage Township, where he is a well-known and much respected citizen. He was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 1, 1844, and is a son of Walter and Catherine M. (Stimson) Scudder.

Walter Scudder, father of Arthur W., was born in the State of New York, where he was reared, educated and married. In the spring of 1844, with his wife and two children, he started in a two-ox wagon, for Ohio. He located at Copley Center, where he followed his trade of shoemaker for many years. He then purchased a farm near Montrose, but not having been accustomed to an agricultural life, in three years he sold his farm and returned to Copley Center, where he resumed work at his trade. In 1854 he again tried farming, purchasing a farm of 118 acres, south of Copley, on which he lived until 1883, when he sold out and removed to Akron, where he died in 1896. Mrs. Scudder died on the farm south of Copley, in July, 1868. They had four children: Thurlow, Emogene, Arthur W. and Carlton R. The eldest son was a soldier in the Civil War, serving three years as a member of Company H, 104th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, after which he was janitor for Grace School at Akron, for many years. At the time of his death, he left many

friends to mourn his loss. Emogene married A. C. Francisco, residing at Copley. Carlton R. is a resident of Barberton.

Arthur W. Scudder was reared in Copley Township and attended the district schools. When but nineteen years of age he left home to enter the Federal army, enlisting for three years in Battery A, First Ohio Light Artillery. His contract was dated February 14, 1864, and he served until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, reaching home July 31, 1865. He was with Sherman's army in its march to the sea and took part in the siege of Atlanta, where his battery was used for skirmishing purposes. He was a brave soldier, as his record testifies and never evaded a duty. He had thus performed a man's part in life before he had reached man's estate.

Mr. Scudder then returned to the home farm and attended one term of school, and during the winter of 1865-6 he taught school. His marriage followed, to Maria A. Stirk, who is a daughter of Henry Stirk, formerly of Pennsylvania, but later of Wayne County, Ohio. They have four children, namely: Carlton H., who married Mary Porcher, owns a general store at Boneta, Medina County, and has two children—Grace and Thurlow Frederick; James Thurlow, who married Harriet Quirk, has one son, Quirk Thurlow, purchased his father's store in February, 1907, and is assistant postmaster at Fairlawn; Orville E., who married Viva Baxter, resides at Akron, where he is manager of the North Howard Street Mission, being inclined toward a religious life; and Mary Belle, who married Clyde E. Orton.

After their marriage, in 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Scudder went to live in a small house situated on his father's farm, but in the spring of the following year, they moved to a farm in Wayne County, and later to a farm near Lodi. In 1870, Mr. Scudder bought a farm in Medina County, not far from Chatham. About one year later he sold this farm and moved to Copley, where he lived until May, 1872, when he bought his present farm. A man of excellent business judgment, he has always been able to make his enterprises paying ones. For a number of years he operated three milk depots at Akron, having at one time twenty-six head of cows. In 1891 he moved to the pleasant little hamlet then known as Fairview, and it was through the efforts of Mr. Scudder that the place was renamed, Fairlawn, there being another Fairview in the State. He went into a mercantile business in the village and was the first postmaster, which office he retains, although he is no longer in business. He operated the store now owned by his son, at Boneta, for a time, as well as the one at Fairlawn.

Mr. Scudder is a member of Buckley Post, No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and his wife come of military ancestry. His grandfather, R. R. Stimson, was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting August 28, 1814, as a fifer in Capt. Jenks Pullen's company, First New York militia, and was discharged November 1, 1814. Joseph Fox, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Scudder was commissioned a captain in Col. David Henley's regiment of Continental troops, June 29, 1777, in the Revolutionary War, and later was transferred to the Sixteenth Massachusetts and afterwards to the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment.

JOSEPH WIGLEY, of the firm of Hunt & Wigley, general contractors at Akron, is an old established resident of this city. He was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1859, and came to America in 1882.

Mr. Wigley had attended school and had also learned the building trade in his own country before emigrating, and after settling at Akron he worked at his trade exclusively until 1886, when he went into general contracting. The firm of Wigley Brothers for a number of years was the leading one of Summit County. In 1901, Mr. Wigley formed a partnership with W. H. Hunt, under the style of Hunt & Wigley, which continues. The firm does general contracting, building, paving, sewer building and like work. The fine pressed brick building they erected in Akron in 1907, is two stories in height, dimensions

of 100 by 47 feet, and is one of the ornaments to the section of the city in which it stands. The firm leased it to the Clinton Milling Company for a term of five years, with the privilege of renewing the lease.

Mr. Wigley was married in 1899, to Agnes Cooper, of Akron, and they have two children: Florence Agnes and Edward John.

Mr. Wigley is a member of the Episcopal Church. Politically, he is a Republican and takes an active interest in city affairs.

WILLIAM F. HAUPT, one of the representative citizens of Loyal Oak, was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1848, and is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Edelman) Haupt.

The parents of Mr. Haupt were both natives of Northampton County, and both died there, the father in 1853 and the mother in 1876.

Christian Haupt was a farmer during all his mature years, he departed this life at the age of forty-two. William F. being then only five years of age, was reared and educated in his native county, where he lived with his widowed mother until he was eighteen years old. In 1865 he came to Norton Township. Soon after he learned the stone-mason's trade, and followed that occupation for a number of years, after which he took up farming.

In 1869 he was united in marriage to Ellen Cecelia Lerch, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Schweitzer) Lerch. Mrs. Haupt was also a native of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, born August 4, 1848. Her parents emigrated to this state (Ohio) in the spring of 1849, making the journey in wagons, and locating in Copley Township. Mrs. Haupt being only nine months old at the time. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haupt—Howard W. and Clinton F.—both residents of Akron.

William F. Haupt was one of the three organizers of the Norton Mutual Fire Association, in the interest of which he worked some of his time for six years as agent and director, without compensation. Many meetings were held at his residence until it was fully organized, and is now the only surviving charter member. The said association has now an insured capital of $4,000,000. He is identified with the Lutheran Church of Loyal Oak, has held church and township offices and is in every way a worthy and reliable citizen and is now living a retired life.

HORACE G. CANFIELD, who conducts a job printing establishment at Akron, was born November 19, 1830, and has resided in this city since 1842, when his parents came here from Medina, Ohio. In boyhood, Mr. Canfield attended school but the larger part of his education he secured in the printing office, he beginning to set type in his father's establishment, before he was eight years old. He is a printer by inheritance, both his father and grandfather having been practical printers. His father, Horace Canfield, settled in Cuyahoga Falls in 1833, where he established the newspaper, the Ohio *Review*, and later had papers at Cleveland, the Cleveland Commercial Advertiser, and Medina, The Watchtower, coming to Akron, in 1842, where he published his last paper.

Horace G. Canfield learned the printer's trade from the ground up, and has made a specialty of job printing.

He was foreman of the *Beacon* from 1855 to 1866, at which time he purchased a one-third interest, Mr. S. A. Lane also purchasing a third interest. Shortly after A. L. Paine and D. J. Long purchased the remaining third of Messrs. Beebe and Elkins. The firm name was then changed to Lane, Canfield & Company. Thinking Akron about large enough to support a daily paper, he issued the *Daily Beacon* with S. A. Lane as editor, H. G. Canfield, business manager, and Paine and Long in charge of the job and news departments. This was the first successful launching of a daily newspaper in Akron. Under the above-described management it flourished until it was sold out about four years later.

During the Civil War Mr. Canfield served in Company F, 164th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for 100 days, his regiment

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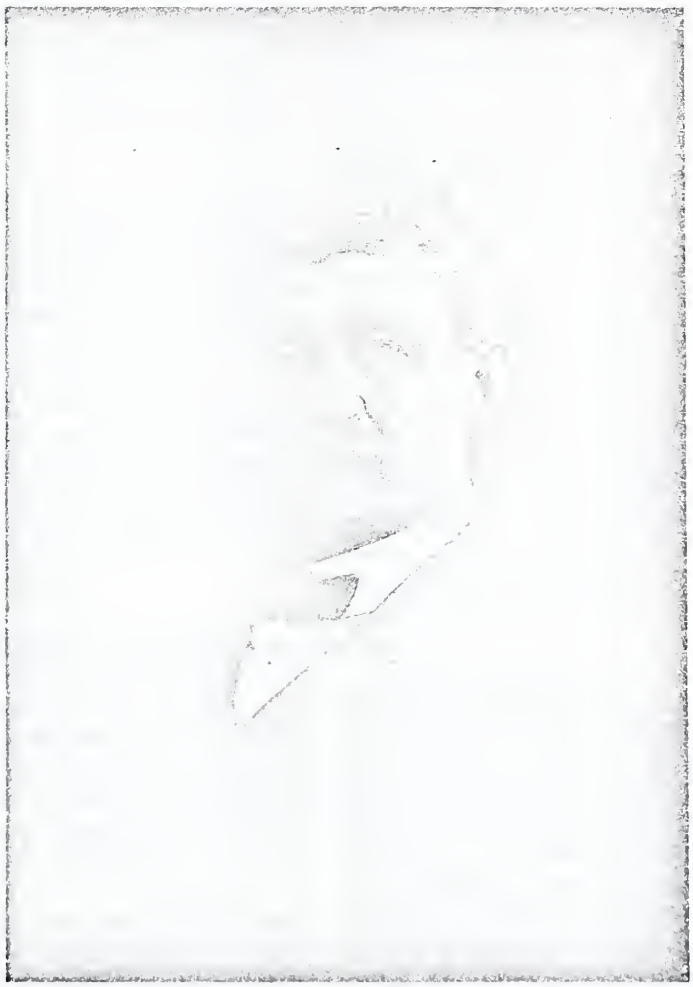

RICHARD FREEMAN PALMER

being stationed through this time, at Fort Cocoran. He is a member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic Akron Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M., and Nemo Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On October 12, 1857, Mr. Canfield was married to Jennie Galbraith, and they have four children, namely: Etta M. and Hattie G., both residing at home; Jessie W., who is chief clerk and stenographer in the office of the State Fire Marshal, at Columbus; and Dr. Charles H., residing at Island Pond, Vermont, where he is in the Government service as a meat inspector.

Politically, Mr. Canfield is now a Democrat, having been formerly a Fremont and Lincoln voter. For forty-five years he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and he has earned the "fifty-year badge" as a member of the Odd Fellows, and is captain of the degree staff in the auxiliary order of Rebecca. Mr. Canfield has a little private museum in which he has collected a number of old family treasurers, among which is his great-grandfather's diploma, issued in 1772, by Yale College, and a tiny shoe which was once worn by his great-great-grandmother. He is one of Akron's best known citizens.

RICHARD FREEMAN PALMER, who for some years has lived at Akron retired from active participation in business, was formerly identified with some of the city's large industrial enterprises, and owns a large amount of real estate within its boundaries. Mr. Palmer was born at Akron, Ohio, March 13, 1840, and is a son of Joseph and Eliza (Freeman) Palmer.

Joseph Palmer was born in England and came to Akron in 1836. He was a millwright by trade and the work that brought him to this section was the building of the locks in the Ohio Canal. Later he assisted in building the Cascade mill, and was identified with that mill for eighteen years. In 1854 he moved to a farm in Medina County, on which he lived until the death of his wife. He then returned to Akron, making his home with his son, Richard.

Richard F. Palmer was little more than a school-boy when he found occupation as a driver on the canal, and he continued to work as such until he was eighteen years of age. About that time he entered the high school, where he remained until President Lincoln's call, in 1861, for 75,000 troops, when he enlisted for service in the Union Army. He was for three months a member of Company G, 19th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being stationed during this time mainly in West Virginia. For the following two years he ran a stationary engine and then, in February, 1865, reenlisted, entering Company I, 188th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During this second term of service, which covered a year, he was located in Tennessee and Kentucky. After being mustered out of the army the second time, Mr. Palmer then bought a canal boat and operated on the canal for some three years. In 1872 he found employment in the office of the Akron Iron Company, remaining there two years. He then entered the employ of Aultman, Miller & Company, becoming their general agent, with headquarters at Tiffin, Ohio, being in their employ for twenty-seven years. Since 1897 Mr. Palmer has lived retired from active business life, but he has many congenial interests to occupy his attention.

Mr. Palmer was married June 9, 1862, to Frances E. Field, who is a daughter of Asa Field. Mrs. Palmer died April 26, 1898, leaving three sons and an adopted daughter. The eldest son, Frank L., is a resident of Pittsburg. J. Dwight, residing in Akron, is one of the city's representative men and has just been elected a member of the City Council. J. Asa, the third son, is secretary of the Burt Manufacturing Company, of Akron. Margaret, the daughter by adoption, is the wife of Willis Bacon, an attorney of Tiffin, Ohio.

Mr. Palmer has always taken a laudable interest in the public matters concerning the development of his city. Years ago he served on the City Council, in 1871 and 1872. At present he is a member of the Summit County Court House Building Commission, just completing the erection of a $400,000.00

court house. For many years he has been prominent in Masonry and is the present eminent commander of Akron Commandery, and served seven years as prelate. He has twice been commander of Buckley Post, G. A. R.

PRESTON D. STRATTON, the founder and Past Supreme President of the beneficiary order of the Protected Home Circle, with offices in the Everett Building, Akron, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, December 28, 1852.

Mr. Stratton had an early agricultural training and country schooling, but completed his education at Mt. Union College, leaving sooner than he had proposed, on account of the death of his father, following which he taught school for six terms. It was in 1886 that he originated the central idea and wrote out the plan for the Protected Home Circle, organizing at Sharon, Pennsylvania, with an initial membership of twenty-nine persons. Mr. Stratton would scarcely be blamed if he evinced some pride at the growth of the order, it now having a membership of more than 65,000. The organizaton has paid out during its twenty-one years of existence, more than $4,000,000, in death benefits, and has a reserve fund of $1,000,000. In addition in 1894, the order erected a fine temple at a cost of $50,000, which with equipment is now worth $100,000. This magnificient structure is located at Sharon. Mr. Stratton served for eight years as Supreme Secretary and for seven years as Supreme President and is now Past Supreme President in charge of the work in the State of Ohio.

In addition to the fraternal relations existing between him and so many of his fellow-citizens, in the order he founded, he is actively associated in other fraternities, being a Past Grand in the order of Odd Fellows, a member of the National Union, Ben Hur, K. & L. of Honor, and of the Foresters. Mr. Stratton has always been recognized as a good citizen since locating at Akron, and he was selected for the head of the Law and Order League, serving as its president during its term of usefulness. His political sympathies are with the Republican party. As he is a fine speaker, his voice was frequently heard during the campaign preceding the first election of President McKinley.

In 1877, Mr. Stratton was married to Mary E. Protheroe, who is a daughter of Francis Protheroe, the latter of whom was born in Wales and came to America and settled in Goshen Township, Mahoning County, in young manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton have three children: Florence E., who is a graduate of the College of Commerce, at Sharon, Pennsylvania, is her father's private secretary and stenographer; Delbert P., who is assistant manager of the billing department of the B. F. Goodrich Company, is a graduate of the Akron High School; and Raymond F., is a student.

Mr. Stratton is one of the leading members of the Baptist Church at Akron, in which he is a deacon, and is also president of the Men's club

WILLIAM A. DICE, a practical farmer of Franklin Township, who operates an excellent tract of seventy-four acres, was born October 27, 1859, on the old Grill farm north of Clinton, Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Jeremiah and Caroline (Dissinger) Dice.

Jeremiah Dice was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Michael Dice, a substantial farmer of Franklin County. There were nine children in Michael Dice's family, but Jeremiah was the only one to come West, he settling north of Manchester, Franklin Township, when about twenty-one years of age. On first engaging in farming here he rented land, but later purchased two fine farms which aggregated about 250 acres, and here he died in 1904, at the age of seventy-three years; his widow, who survives him, is seventy-two years old. Jeremiah Dice was married in Franklin Township, to Caroline Dissinger, who is a sister of Dr. Dissinger, of Canal Fulton, and daughter of John Dissinger, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania by wagon and settled north of Manchester on a farm now owned by William A. Dice and

other heirs. On this property Mrs. Dice was born. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dice, namely: John; Mary, who married M. Waltz; William Albert; Alma, who married L. W. Baughman; Elton; Emma, who married Thomas Sours; and Marvin, all living in Summit County, Ohio.

William A. Dice spent his boyhood days on the old home place north of Manchester, attending District School No. 1, and working at farming. He purchased a part of his present farm from Henry D. Dailey, and has here carried on general farming very successfully. He is a Democrat in politics, and has shown interest in the success of his party in this section.

On November 12, 1881, Mr. Dice was married to Elizabeth Dailey, who is a daughter of Henry D. and Mary (Rhodes) Dailey, early settlers in this section. Henry D. Dailey, who was the original owner of W. A. Dice's present farm, which he helped to clear, died at the age of seventy-eight years, while his widow, who survives him, is in her eighty-second year. Mr. and Mrs. Dice have two children: Henry, attending Wooster College, who taught school for five years in the county, and is engaged to teach in the grammar grades in 1907; and Hazel, also a student at Wooster College, who will teach at Barberton, Franklin Township.

WALTER R. WOLFSPERGER, electrical contractor, with offices at No. 575 East Exchange Street, Akron, has been established in business for himself in this city for the past six years, prior to which he was connected with the electrical work of a number of the largest institutions in this section. He was born in 1878, at Canal Fulton, Stark County, Ohio.

Mr. Wolfsperger was educated in the public schools at Canal Fulton, where he lived until fourteen years of age, and earned his first money by working in the coal mines in Stark County. In 1893, he came to Akron and for about five years was more or less continuously employed in the shops connected with the various rubber industries. In 1897, he went to Massillon, where he was connected with the Massillon Light, Heat & Power Company until 1900, when he returned to Akron and for the succeeding eight months, did the electrical work for the B. F. Goodrich Company. He was then employed by an electrical contractor up to 1901, when he embarked in business for himself. Mr. Wolfsperger's skill has been exercised in behalf of a number of the large institutions of Akron. He has done the electrical work for some years for Buchtel College, in its Women's dormitory, the residence of E. R. Held, the Crisp Block, the Bergen Iron Company's new plant, the Baker-McMillan plant, and a number of others. Mr. Wolfsperger's business has increased 600 per cent over the first year, a record which tells its own story.

In 1899, Mr. Wolfsperger was married to Louise Anna Shopbell, who was born at Massillon, Ohio, and they have two children, Rhea and Walter. Politically, Mr. Wolfsperger is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is connected with the order of Eagles, and is also a member of the White Anchor Relief Association.

SIMON P. LUDWICK, a substantial citizen and well-known agriculturist of Summit County, who owns and operates a farm of seventy-eight acres in Franklin Township, was born in an old log house in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 28, 1844, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Dick) Ludwick.

George Ludwick, his grandfather, and a native of Pennsylvania, was one of the early settlers of Franklin Township, and entered the farm now owned by Frank Cox, which he cleared from the woods. There his death occurred, as did also that of his wife. Among the children of George Ludwick was Samuel, the father of Simon P. He was also born in Pennsylvania, and was brought to Ohio by his parents, the remainder of his life being spent farming in Franklin Township. Mr Ludwick purchased the old home farm and replaced the old log house with one of stone, which is still standing, and here he died in

about 1855, at the age of fifty-three years. Samuel Ludwick married Mary Dick, daughter of Samuel Dick and she survived her husband one year. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwick had eleven children, as follows: George, residing in Michigan; Eve, who married Solomon Secrist; Barbara, who married Isaac Snyder; Rachel, who became the wife of Martin Grill; Mary, who married Daniel Haring; Samuel; Rebecca, who married H. Snyder; Simon Peter; Jemima, who married H. Surfass; Anna, and Amos. Of the foregoing, Eve, Barbara, Mary, Rebecca, Anna and Amos are deceased the last mentioned passing away in his fourteenth year.

Simon P. Ludwick received a somewhat limited education, his parents dying when he was still a lad. However, he made the best of his opportunities and being an ambitious youth, he managed to secure a meager education. His young manhood was spent in working on the neighboring farms, and when eighteen years of age he started to do threshing, becoming a partner with his brother Samuel in this business on reaching his twenty-first year. He was also associated with Martin Grill and other partners, and for one year had charge of the business alone, operating the old style horse-power machine. After fourteen successful seasons spent in threshing, Mr. Ludwick, in 1875, purchased his present farm from the George Baughman heirs, and replaced the old buildings below the hill with his present large eight-room frame house, substantial barns and new outbuildings. Mr. Ludwick is one of Summit County's self-made men, and as such is honored and esteemed by all who know him. He has always been industrious, but in later years has found time for travel, and has visited brothers in Illinois and Michigan.

In March, 1872, Mr. Ludwick was married to Luetta Baughman, daughter of George Baughman, and six children were born to this union: Samantha; Mirtie, who married Calvin Stump; Percy; Lottie, who died at the age of two years; Leeman; and Bertha. Mr. Ludwick, with his family, belongs to the Reformed Church. In political matters he is a Democrat.

SOLOMON KEPLER, residing on his well-improved farm in Green Township, is one of the large land-owners of this section, his possessions amounting to over 400 acres, which are situated in both Green and Franklin Townships. He was born August 28, 1840, on his present farm in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob A. and Christina (Hushberger) Kepler.

Jacob A. Kepler was born near East Liberty, Ohio, to which place his father, Andrew Kepler, had come from Pennsylvania as a pioneer, and where his death occurred. Jacob A. Kepler grew to manhood on his father's farm, but after his marriage removed to a farm on the east side of Turkeyfoot Lake, where he erected a log cabin in the wilderness. Here Mr. Kepler cleared a farm of 200 acres, and this was his home for the remainder of his life, his death occurring at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Kepler survived her husband for a long period, being eighty-one years old at the time of her death. Jacob A. Kepler was married to Christina Hushberger, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and to them there were born eight children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: Elizabeth, who is the widow of J. R. Neal; Adam; Sophia, who married H. Swaggert, and Solomon.

Solomon Kepler attended the district schools of his native locality, and has been since engaged in agricultural pursuits. His fine farm, which is a part of the old homestead, includes a large house and substantial barns, built by Mr. Kepler himself, and the large, productive orchard planted by him. He is in very comfortable circumstances, and in later years has devoted some time to travel, visiting the home of his ancestors in Pennsylvania, and going as far West as California. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as township trustee and as school director.

In 1861 Mr. Kepler was married, first, to Elizabeth Garst, and their children were: Samuel, who died in infancy; Oliver, who died at the age of six years; Belle, who mar-

ried E. Rex, and has two children—Howard and Edith; Amanda, wife of N. Foust, with five children—Clarence, Jacob, Samuel, Oran and William; and Mabel, who married M. Grove, and has two children—Willard V., and a baby girl unnamed. After the death of his first wife Mr. Kepler was married, second to Hattie Herring, a daughter of Samuel Herring. Of this union there were born seven children—Andrew, Aaron, Solomon, Elsie, William, Florence and Blanche.

ALBERT G. DURSTINE, a highly respected citizen and retired farmer, residing on his farm of eighty acres, which is situated in Franklin Township, was born in an old log house that stood on the present farm, in Summit County, Ohio, April 1, 1855, and is a son of Abraham S. and Susanna (Swartz) Durstine.

The Durstine family, which is an old one in America, was established in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1660, by Michael Durstine, who emigrated from Alsace, France. The grandfather of Albert G. Durstine was Abraham Durstine, who was the founder of the family in Ohio. He was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1800, and was a son of Jacob Durstine, who lived on the farm on which the original Durstine settled, and which is still a possession of the family. The grandparents of Albert G. came in pioneer fashion to Holmes County, Ohio, bringing as many of their possessions as they could. Later, the family moved to Wayne County, but prior to his death, Abraham Durstine returned to Holmes County and died at Smithville, in March, 1878. The death of his first wife had preceded his own by twenty-four years, and he contracted a second marriage with a member of the Guiley family, who died without issue. The children of the first marriage were: Jacob, John, Abraham S., Catherine, Mary and Sarah.

Abaham S. Durstine was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1828, and died in 1887. When he reached manhood he married Susanna Swartz, who was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Thornton) Swartz. She died in 1902, aged seventy-four years. The Swartz family came to Summit County from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, when Mrs. Durstine was eight years old. Her father helped to build the Reservoir and he donated sixteen acres of the necessary amount of land. Abraham S. Durstine, in 1853, bought the present farm of his son Albert, from Daniel Deihel, and he resided on the place for the rest of life. They had two children, Albert and Ellen. The latter, who married Isaac Carmany, is now deceased.

Albert G. Durstine was given a district school education, but much of his youth was spent in working on the farm and also, occasionally, at the carpenter's trade. This fine old farm has always been his real home, and he has never been absent from it with the exception of three years.

On October 12, 1875, Mr. Durstine was married to Maria Rhodes, who is a daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Snyder) Rhodes, and they have one child, Edward, who manages the home farm. The latter married Mabel Reynolds, who is a daughter of Ransom and Hannah (Fosnacht) Reynolds, and they have one child, Otis Nathan. This promising little grandson of Mr. Durstine was born February 18, 1900, just 100 years, to the day, after the birth of Abraham Durstine, his great-great-grandfather. The Durstines are a prominent family in Franklin Township.

F. B. GOODMAN, one of Akron's representative business men, who has been a resident of this city for the past twenty-seven years, fills the important position of assistant manager of the M. O'Neil Company, which is a leading mercantile house of this section of Ohio, its stability as well as its volume of business giving it this prominence.

Mr. Goodman was born at Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, June 6, 1854, and was there reared. He is a son of the late Henry Goodman, who was a substantial farmer of Portage County. After leaving school, Mr. Goodman was employed in a general mercantile store in his native county for five years. He then went to Alliance and was a salesman for the

mercantile firm of Wann & Warren, of that city, for three years. For the following three years, Mr. Goodman was in a general mercantile business for himself, in Stark County, and in 1889, he came to Akron and entered the employ of the mercantile house of O'Neil & Dyas, with which he continued until the death of Mr. Dyas. About this time the business was incorporated as The M. O'Neil Company, Mr. Goodman remaining with the firm, and since this period being assistant manager. For over a quarter of a century he has been connected with this house, and his fidelity to its welfare, and co-operation in its policy of fair dealing with the public, have made him a noteworthy factor in its success. Mr. Goodman was married in 1880 to Anna Martin, of Stark County, and they have one son, Walter, who has charge of the house-furnishing department of the M. O'Neil Company. Mr. Goodman is a member of the English Lutheran Church.

MAHLON S. LONG, senior member of the Long & Taylor Company, a leading business house of Akron, was born at Spring Creek, Warren County, Pennsylvania, in 1867, and is a son of Joshua W. and Matilda H. Long.

The parents of Mr. Long removed from Warren County, Pennsylvania, to Mentor, Ohio, when he was a babe of six months. His father resides at Newton Falls, Ohio, on a farm in that vicinity, and is now retired from active life. Formerly he followed blacksmithing and carriage-making. In 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company F, 19th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but one year later was honorably discharged on account of disability.

Mahlon S. Long spent his boyhood and youth at Mentor and Toledo. In 1881 he went to Newton Falls, and was graduated from the Newton Falls High School in 1885. After teaching school for one year at the latter place, he entered Mt. Union College, and after two terms there, he went to work in the basket factory at Newton Falls. Twelve months later he went from that place to Chicago. Mr. Long remained in the metropolis of the middle west for a period of five years, mainly engaged as a salesman with a large cigar firm. In May, 1892, he came to Akron and engaged as shipping clerk with what is now the Standard Oilcloth Company. He continued with this firm for a year and a half. The panic of 1893 caused many of the employes to be laid off by this house, he among the number, and he fell back on his old work of basket-making. He continued making grape baskets during the following fall, at Kirtland, Ohio, and returned to Akron on the first of the following October, determined to go into business for himself and be independent of the ups and downs of more ambitious concerns. He had a little capital and this he invested in a small cigar store, on the site of the present magnificent new modern building.

With small capital, few resources and active competition, Mr. Long found the first three years hard ones to push through, but by working fifteen hours a day, and careful management, with honest and courteous treatment for every one, he built up a constantly increasing trade. He found it necessary, ere long, to increase his space by adding another room. Later, when it proved impossible to still further add to the building he occupied, as his business demanded, he resolved to purchase this piece of property then for sale, at the point of the intersection of Main and Howard Streets, and he acquired it in 1898. Its flatiron shape, 86 feet lying on Main Street and 92 feet on Howard Street, 60 feet wide at one end and 9 feet at the other, determined the name of the magnificent building, the erection of which was commenced in July, 1906.

In 1895, H. H. Taylor became associated with Mr. Long and the firm name became M. S. Long & Company. On account of increasing business the first change was made to an additional store at Nos. 20-22 South Main Street, with dimensions of 30 by 102 1-2 feet, which they subsequently bought. On this land the firm built a brick structure, with three stories and basement, occupying two store rooms, one as a candy and ice cream

department and the other with a general line of cigars, stationery, athletic goods and newspapers. The entire basement is used for a candy factory, a very complete plant here being installed, where are manufactured choice candies and "Purity" ice cream for retail and fine family trade. In July, 1907, they began the erection of the finest business block and office building in the city of Akron. It is seven stories in height, with basement and sub-basement. Since the completion of the building the Long & Taylor Company occupy the entire lower floor and part of the basement with two similar stores to the ones at 20 and 22 South Main Street. The Long & Taylor Company was incorporated in 1902, with a capital stock of $65,000, with H. H. Taylor as president and M. S. Long as treasurer and general manager. The main business of the company is conducted here, but the old quarters at Nos. 20-22 South Main Street are also utilized. The magnificent flatiron building is a source of pride to every citizen of Akron and it must be particularly so to Mr. Long, who, as no other can, realizes the struggles he went through in order that the present great enterprise became a fact.

In 1891 Mr. Long was married to Marion E. Taylor, and they have two children: Gertrude M. and Robert H. T.

Mr. Long is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Akron, and to Lake Erie Consistory and Al Koran Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. at Cleveland. During his residence in Chicago he was very active in the order of the Sons of Veterans, and at one time was commanding officer of Camp No. 1, of that city.

JOHN GRILL, a successful agriculturist of Franklin Township, residing on his 160-acre farm, was born on his father's farm in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, February 4, 1863, and is a son of John and Leah (Snyder) Grill.

John Grill, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, from which state he came to Ohio in 1840, settling first in Stark County. After a residence there of one year, he came to Summit County, and settled on the farm now owned by Charles Young in Franklin Township, which at that time was covered with a heavy growth of timber. After clearing off the timber, he erected an old-fashioned "up and down" sawmill, which he operated until his death at the age of seventy-five years. His widow, Mary, survived him for some years. The children of John and Mary Grill were: David, William, John, Daniel, Martin, Philip, Lydia, Sarah, Catherine and Mary of whom the only present survivors are: Daniel, Martin and Mary.

John Grill, father of John Grill of Franklin Township, was also born in Pennsylvania, accompanied his father to Ohio in 1840, and for a number of years worked in his father's sawmill, later becoming the owner of a mill. He was married in Franklin Township to Leah Snyder, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Frederick Snyder, her father being a native of Germany. Mr. Grill died when eighty-three years old, in 1905, his wife having passed away in 1897 at the age of sixty-three. They were the parents of seven children: Levi, Eliza Jane, who married George Huber; Alfred; Amanda, who married Noah Fraze; Emma, who married David Johnson; John; and William.

John Grill received his education in the district school, and worked on his father's farm until after his marriage. He then entered the employ of the Akron Electric Railroad as conductor, a position in which he served for seven years. Mr. Grill then returned to the farm of his father, but in 1903 located on his present property, which he had purchased in the spring of 1902 from the William Woods heirs. In March, 1891, Mr. Grill was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Fetzer.

LEONARD ROBINSON, a highly respected retired farmer of Richfield Township, residing on his grain and dairy farm of seventy-four acres, was born in Virgil Township, Cortland County, New York, May 21, 1837, and is a son of Luman B. and Mary (Sweet) Robinson.

The parents of Mr. Robinson were also natives of New York. The father came to Akron in 1846 where he followed the carpenter trade until within five years of his death, when he moved to a farm in Copley Township, Summit County, where he died in 1856. He was a Republican in politics, and prior to the Civil War was in sympathy with the Abolition movement. He married Mary Sweet and they had thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Levi, who is deceased; Lewis; Lydia, who is the widow of Jerome Wellman, of Akron; Lyman, residing at Edinburg, Ohio; Leonard; Lucina, deceased, who married Daniel Allen, also deceased; Lester, residing in Iowa; Laura, who married John Mann, residing at Akron; Louisa, who is the widow of Norman Smith, residing in Copley; Lavina, deceased, who married George Tream; and Alonzo, who is deceased.

Leonard Robinson attended school at Akron, and learned the carpenter trade with his father. He easily learned other trades, being a natural mechanic, and for twenty years was employed as stationary engineer at various points, at one time working in this capacity in the old Allen barrel factory. He worked also in the pinery swamp in Copley, and for six years was engineer at the clay mills of Middlebury. In the spring of 1888, he came to his present farm, which he conducted as a grain and dairy farm until his retirement from business activity.

Mr. Robinson married Mary Swinehart, who was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of John Swinehart. They had four children born to them, namely: Henry, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Mary, who married Charles Webb; Rosa, who married Charles Howe, who operates Mr. Robinson's farm; and William, residing at Shinrock, Erie County, Ohio.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Robinson was a Revolutionary soldier and at the close of the war was given a land warrant for 160 acres, but he never took advantage of this claim.

A. H. NOAH, treasurer of the Diamond Rubber Company, at Akron, has numerous other important business connections here and is a representative of large interests. Mr. Noah was born in 1858, in Summit County, Ohio.

Mr. Noah was educated in the local schools and at Oberlin, Ohio, and later engaged in teaching for three years. In 1886 he organized the Akron Building and Loan Association, and continued secretary of the same for ten years, becoming also well known in the abstract and title business, as a member of the firm of Wilcox and Noah. In September, 1897, Mr. Noah became general manager of the Diamond Rubber Company, and when the business was reorganized, he accepted the position of treasurer. He is also vice-president of the Bruner, Goodhue, Cooke Company; is a director in the Akron Building and Loan Association and the Jahant Heating Company, and is secretary and treasurer of the Pan-American Rubber Company. He is an active, public-spirited citizen, and has served on the Akron library board.

In 1880 Mr. Noah was married to Kittie B. McGill, of Urbana, Ohio, and they have one son, Robert H., who is a student in the public schools. Mr. Noah is a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Noah is a 32nd degree Mason and is a prominent Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Portage Country Club.

JOHN J. STARR, secretary of the Robinson Clay Product Company, one of Akron's most important industries, is a native of this city, born here in 1867, and is a son of Jonathan Starr and a grandson of Jonathan Starr.

The grandfather of Mr. Starr was a native of Connecticut. He came to Summit County in 1813, became a man of substance and prominence and was a member of the first board of Summit County commissioners. He owned large bodies of land in Copley Township, and there he reared his family, his son Jonathan being born there in 1831.

John J. Starr was reared and educated at Akron. When fifteen years of age he entered

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the employ of the E. H. Merrill Pottery Company and he has worked himself steadily upward through the grades of promotion until he has become secretary of one of the largest pottery concerns in the United States.

In 1892 Mr. Starr was married to Adelaide Akers, who is a daughter of Alfred Akers, of Akron, and they have four children, namely: Helen, Anna, Miriam and Harriet.

Mr. Starr is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Akron and to Lake Erie Consistory of Cleveland.

R. A. MAY, senior member of the firm of May and Fiebeger, which after twenty-seven years of partnership was formed into a stock company—the May-Fiebeger Company—of which Mr. May is principal stockholder, has, after over forty years of active business management, retired from active service.

Mr. May was born near the borders of Saxony, and came to America with his parents when a child, settling in Akron and remaining there ever since. His education was acquired in the public schools of this city and also, being a lover of books, through much personal study. When a young boy, while visiting an uncle in Columbus, Mr. May learned the tinner's trade. He worked one year for John B. Cramer, and then entered into partnership with his employer, forming the firm of Cramer and May, successors of J. B. Cramer, who succeeded Rockwell and Cramer, successors to Justus Rockwell. Justus Rockwell succeeded H. O. Hampson and Hampson succeeded Russell Gale, who owned the first tin shop and stove store in Akron, even clearing away the bushes on what is now the northwest corner of Howard and Market Streets, where he built his store.

While with Cramer and May, Mr. May started the first galvanized iron cornice business in Akron, being pioneers of cornice work in this vicinity and extending their business east into New York State and west into Indiana. The galvanized iron fronts on the buildings of May and Fiebeger on North Howard Street are a sample of his work.

When architecture changed, so that stone could be used to replace galvanized cornices, Mr. May saw that galvanized cornices would be gradually displaced, and bent his energies to the heating and ventilating business, being the pioneer of the furnace business in Akron. He studied heating in all its various forms, and the burning of various kinds of fuel, and invented the air blast, the process of admitting air into and over the fire, which made the burning of soft coal successful, and revolutionized the burning of soft coal in furnaces and stoves. All the so-called blast furnaces of every description that are in use today have sprung from this.

Mr. May also patented the two-way diving flue and numerous other devices, which made furnaces so successful that they are now sold in every soft coal state in the United States and are sent to foreign countries. Some of the most successful furnace manufacturers, salesmen and workmen in his line have sprung from his employ. Among them, Frank Fiebeger of the firm of The May-Fiebeger Company, William Clerkin of the Taplin, Rice, Clerkin Company, and George Maag, of the Twentieth Century Company.

For forty years he continued in the same line of business, continually increasing the plant and always keeping up the highest standard and enjoying the confidence of the business world. His motto always was, "Nothing succeeds like success."

Mr. May was married twice. In 1872 he married Miss Susan Rhodes of Randolph, Ohio. The children born to this union were: Mary L., Louis R., Helen C., Frank G., and Rosalia A.

In the spring of 1894 Mr. May lost his first wife, and in the fall of 1899 he married his present wife, Miss Elizabeth M. Roussert, of Akron. Mr. May has always been a member of St. Bernard's German Roman Catholic Church, and is highly respected by all its members. After over forty years of strenuous business life, Mr. May has for the present retired to become acquainted with his family and enjoy the fruits of his labor.

SAMUEL HAMMETT PRICKETT, residing on his valuable farm of 110 acres, situated in Richfield Township, is a representative citizen and on several occasions has served as township trustee. He was born near Marion, Wayne County, New York, January 6, 1829, and is a son of Samuel and Hannah Ann (Allen) Prickett.

The father of Mr. Prickett was born at Medford, New Jersey, and his parents were John and Sybilla (Hammett) Prickett. They lived to be over ninety years of age. Samuel Prickett was well educated for his day and for nearly fifty years he kept a diary, in which is reflected not only family happenings, but often pictures of passing events of importance. After some years of marriage, he moved to New York, with his wife and three children, remaining in that state for seven years, and then came to Ohio. He reached Richfield Township, June 8, 1834, where he purchased 200 acres of land and developed the same into a grain and stock farm. In early days he was a Whig, later a Republican. He died in 1886, aged over eighty-eight years. He married Hannah Ann Allen and they had the following children: Franklin, who is deceased; Caroline, who is the widow of Samuel Clark, of Richfield; and John, Hannah Ann, Allen S. and Aaron, all deceased; and Samuel. The parents of Mr. Prickett were reared in the Society of Friends, but attended the Congregational Church in Richfield Township.

Samuel H. Prickett was young when his parents came to Richfield Township, and he obtained his education in the district schools of this neighborhood. He remained on the home farm until in November, 1854, when he went to California, where he became interested in a claim, and remained, variously engaged, in that state until 1864. In the year following his return to Richfield Township, he purchased his present farm and has devoted himself to its cultivation and improvement. Mr. Prickett cultivates about eighty acres and keeps from 100 to 200 sheep. He is a member of Richfield Grange.

Mr. Prickett married Ann Amelia Garthwaite, who left one daughter, Edith, at death. He married (second) Edith Welton, who is a daughter of Samuel Welton, of Richfield Township, and they have two children: Dana Welton and Marion Louise.

In politics, Mr. Prickett is identified with the Republican party. In addition to serving as township trustee, he has been a member of the School Board, and at all times has been a citizen actively interested in all movements beneficial to this section.

GEORGE H. LODGE, assistant treasurer of The Silver Lake Park Company, of Silver Lake, Summit County, was born at Newburg, Ohio, November 30, 1875, and is a son of Ralph Hugh and Julia A. (Plum) Lodge.

Mr. Lodge can trace his remote ancestors to a Huguenot family that found refuge in England, and to those members who later accompanied William Penn to Pennsylvania. On land granted to a Lodge, by the great colonizer, the grandfather of George H. Lodge, whose name the latter bears, was born in 1801, and he was reared in New Jersey and probably was still residing there in 1829, when he married Rebecca Smith. With his wife he came to Ohio, about that time, settling on a small farm in Stow Township, Summit County. In 1836 he assisted in the material development of what is now Monroe Falls, and in the vicinity of that village all his children were born. They were as follows: Emma, George H., Mary, Cornelia, and Caroline, the eldest being Ralph Hugh the father of George H. In 1846 the family moved to Cleveland, and in 1848, settled on what was then known as the Leonard Case farm, and in 1855 removed to a tract of 100 acres, which is now a busy part of that city.

Ralph Hugh Lodge was born August 3, 1830, at Monroe Falls, Summit County, Ohio, and as the eldest son assisted his father in all his enterprises, in 1872 assuming the management of the farm on which the family resided for seventeen years. He purchased property and engaged for a time in a mercantile business, but the real occupation of his life was the developing of what is known as *The Silver Lake Park*, and in this great en-

terprise he was ably assisted by his sons. The property came into his possession in 1874, and he took up his residence on this ground in April, 1876, and lived there until his death, May 22, 1907.

On April 7, 1859 Ralph Hugh Lodge was married to Julia A. Plum of Cuyahoga Falls, and nine of their ten children still survive, namely: Edward Ballard, a physician, residing at Cleveland; Mrs. Duncan B. Wolcott, residing at Kent, Ohio; Mrs. William R. Irvin, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; and Lillian P., William R., George H., Louis B., Laura C. and Ralph H., residing at Silver Lake Park.

George H. Lodge was educated in the schools of Cuyahoga Falls, leaving the High School to enter the preparatory school of Oberlin College, subsequently took a course at the Hammel Business College, of Akron, and since completing his education has been identified with the Silver Lake Amusement Park. He has charge of the outside work, attending to the erection of new buildings and making substantial improvements which still further enhance the beauty and comfort of this celebrated resort.

Mr. Lodge married Florence Adelia Call, who is a daughter of Charles Augustus Call, of Stow Township, Summit County. Mrs. Lodge is a member of the Congregational Church at Hudson.

Politically Mr. Lodge is a Republican. He has served as a deputy sheriff since the election of Sheriff Barker. He belongs to Star Lodge, No. 187, F. & A. M.

C. B. RAYMOND, secretary of the B. F. Goodrich Company, at Akron, is a native of this city, where he was born February 12, 1866, and he has been identified with some of its large business enterprises ever since he returned from college.

Mr. Raymond completed the High School course at Akron and then entered Amherst College where he was graduated in 1888, with the degree of B. S. Very soon afterward, he was made secretary of the Akron Woolen and Felt Company, with which he continued until April, 1891, when he came with the Goodrich Hard Rubber Company and in 1898, when the American Hard Rubber Company was organized here he became manager of the Akron plant, remaining in that position until April, 1905, when he was made assistant secretary of the B. F. Goodrich Company. In 1903 he became secretary of the company and has remained in that capacity until the present. Mr. Raymond is connected with other successful business concerns, being a director of the American Hard Rubber Company, a director of the Second National Bank, and a director of the Hardware and Supply Company of Akron. He is a trustee of the Akron City Hospital, a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a director of the Portage Country Club. For one term he served as a member of the Akron Board of Education.

In 1890 Mr. Raymond was married to Mary Perkins, who is a daughter of Col. G. T. Perkins, and they have three children, viz.: Mary Perkins, George Perkins and Charles Goodrich.

EARL JAMES GRUBB, proprietor of Elmdale Farm, in Stow Township, is the manufacturer of the well-known Elmdale Creamery butter, carrying on general farming, dairying and poultry raising quite extensively. Mr. Grubb was born in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 15, 1878, and is a son of John William and Alice (Garrison) Grubb.

The father of Mr. Grubb was born in Pennsylvania September 15, 1845, and died November 11, 1896. He was a carpenter by trade and followed it, in addition to farming, all his active life except during his term of two years in the service of his country. He enlisted when very young in Company K, 151st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and saw much hard service. A brother was killed during the war but John William survived, but only to suffer from exposure then endured all his remaining life. He identified himself with the Grand Army post at Kent. He was a member of the order known as the Knights of Honor. John William Grubb married Alice Garrison, who was a daughter of James

Garrison, of Franklin Township, Portage County, and they had the following children: William Edward, residing at Kent; Ernest Franklin, residing at Akron; Grace E., who married William Samuels, residing at Akron; Earl James; and Lela Ellen, who died aged twenty-two years. John William Grubb was a consistent member of the Disciples Church, at Kent, in which he served as deacon.

John Grubb, the grandfather of Earl James, was the first of the family to own the farm which the grandson now possesses. He came from Pennsylvania and married Hannah Sorrick, of Stark County. They reared a large family. John Grubb carried on farming and also worked as a stone-mason.

Earl James Grubb spent seven years of his early life, at Brecksville, in Cuyahoga County, where he attended school, and he spent three subsequent years in the Kent High School, obtaining means to complete his education, by working in a meat market. Mr. Grubb has practically taken care of himself since he was twelve years of age. After leaving school he ran a meat market for one year at Mantua Station, and later worked in a Kent market house for a year, when he turned his attention to farming. His first rented place was the old Hoover farm, after which he bought a milk route, selling his product at Kent, which industry he continued for three years. During the last year he was also manager of the *Crescent Poultry Farm* at Kent. He disposed of his business at Kent, and April 15, 1904, he purchased his present farm, consisting of eighty-two and one-half acres. He winters about thirty-five head of cattle, raises his own for dairy purposes, and every season has a fine lot of hogs, a cross between the Chester White and the Berkshire, which Mr. Grubb thinks can not be excelled. He raises corn, oats, hay and wheat and markets all he does not use for himself. He also makes a specialty of poultry, raising broilers for the market, and has made a great success of this whole industry. He has made a scientific study of this business and has constructed buildings for his poultry where they are as comfortable in winter as in summer. The outlay has paid well, as on several occasions, in the depth of winter, from 102 hens, he has gathered ninety-three eggs, while the average is from five to seven dozen a day. Mr. Grubb has a fine silo on his land with dimensions of 11 by 11 feet, with round corners, which is 25 feet in depth.

Mr. Grubb's happy family includes wife and two children. He married Mary Lappin, who is a daughter of Marvin and Olive Lappin. Mrs. Grubb was born in Franklin Township, Portage County. The two children are named Gordon Glee, who was born February 28, 1903, and Naundas Mildred, who was born March 14 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Grubb belong to the Disciples Church at Kent. Politically Mr. Grubb is a Republican, but he is no seeker for office. He belongs to the order of the Knights and Ladies of Security, at Kent.

C. R. QUINE, treasurer and general managtr of the Akron Clutch Company, and secretary of the Colonial Sign and Insulator Company, was born in 1879, at Akron, Ohio, and is a son of Robert S. Quine, of this city.

After completing his education Mr. Quine was connected with newspaper work for a short period and then became associated with the Colonial Sign and Insulator Company. For the past two years he has been treasurer and general manager of the Akron Clutch Company, which was organized for the manufacture of friction clutches. The company is now building a finely-equipped plant on Sweitzer Avenue, and preparations are being made to greatly enlarge the present capacity in order to meet the growing demand.

In 1905, Mr. Quine was married to Hattie Van Orman, who is a daughter of the late J. H. Van Orman, and they have one child, Robert C. Mr. Quine belongs to the Akron lodge of Odd Fellows.

H. A. WEST, one of Akron's able young business men, secretary and treasurer of the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, of this city, was born in 1872, in Portage County, Ohio, and is a son of the late Robert and Mary (Alexander) West.

Mr. West was brought to Akron in childhood and was reared and educated here, graduating from the public schools in 1890. He then became connected with the official force of the old Akron Iron Company, and remained four years in the Akron and New York city offices, and from there went to the Whitman-Barnes Manufacturing Company for seven years, after which he accepted his present official position with the Enterprise Manufacturing Company.

In 1897 Mr. West was married to Ida M. Pflueger, who is a daughter of the late E. F. Pflueger. He is a member of the Disciple Church. Fraternally Mr. West is a Mason.

CHARLES SENN, superintendent of the Monroe Falls Paper Company, at Monroe Falls, has been a resident of this city since 1889. He was born at New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, June 10, 1860, and is a son of John B. and Anna (Sherrick) Senn.

The parents of Mr. Senn were both born in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland. The father was a coal miner both in his own land and after he settled in Tuscarawas County, and also engaged in farming after coming to the United States. Early in the Civil War he entered the army as a private in the 151st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1862. The mother continued to live on the home farm until about 1868, when, with her four children, she moved to Massillon.

In the public schools of Massillon, Charles Senn obtained his education, and learned his business of paper-making in the works of the Massillon Paper Company. He was about eighteen years of age when he started out from home and worked in various paper mills, during this time gaining a great deal of useful information concerning the details of his trade. This determination to perfect himself has resulted in a complete knowledge of the art of paper manufacture. In 1889, he came to Monroe Falls to take charge of the plant of the Cleveland Paper Company. The Monroe Falls Paper Company is the successor of the Cleveland Paper Company. It was incorporated in 1899, with John Silk of Massillon, president; Charles Silk, vice president; F. B. Silk, secretary and treasurer, and Charles Senn, superintendent. With double shifts working, the output is twelve tons of paper daily, employment being given thirty-five men. The product goes all over the country and consists of light and dark rag wrapping paper; absorbent fly paper; red express; deadening felt paper and carpet lining. Sales are made direct to the trade and also through jobbers. The enterprise is a very prosperous one and under Mr. Senn's experienced supervision the greatest amount of product is obtained at the least possible expense, quality considered.

Mr. Senn married Mary Elizabeth Dixon, who is a daughter of Andrew Dixon, formerly of Massillon, Ohio, but for the past fifteen years a resident of Monroe Falls. They have four children: Hazel, who married Claude Kepler, residing at Monroe Falls; and Ada, Maude and Karl, residing at home. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Monroe Falls, of which Mr. Senn has been an official member for a number of years. Politically he is in sympathy with the Republican party, but takes only a good citizen's interest in elections. He belongs to Pavonia Lodge, No. 301, Knights of Pythias.

LEWIS S. PALMER, one of Stow Township's leading citizens and large landowners, was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 29, 1857, and is a son of Josiah and Margaret (Stephens) Palmer.

Jacob Palmer, the grandfather, was a native of Connecticut. In 1833 he moved with his family to Virginia, where, with a brother, he purchased 500 acres of land. The untimely death of a son, about this time, disheartened Mr. Palmer, and he sold his interest in the Virginia property and removed to Maryland and from there to Stark County, Ohio. His son, Josiah Palmer, who became the father of Lewis S., was born in Connecticut, in 1824, and was twelve years of age when he came to Ohio. In 1853 he purchased a small farm in Green Township, but later removed to Springfield Township, where he carried on

farming from 1869 until his death, in 1895, when he was aged seventy-one years. He was a Democrat in politics, and on numerous occasions his fellow-citizens elected him to office. Mr. Palmer was married to Margaret Stephens, who was a daughter of Jacob Stephens, of Jerseyshore, Pennsylvania, and to them were born eight children, namely: Albert, who died at the age of twenty-four years; William, who resides in Springfield Township; Cecelia Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Charles McColgan, of Stow Township; Catherine, deceased, who married David Brubaker, of Barberton, Ohio; Charles, who resides in Lake Township, Stark County; Lewis S.; Thomas who is a resident of Springfield Township; and Marcus, who is deceased. Mrs. Palmer died in 1884, at the age of fifty-nine years, in the faith of the German Reformed Church, in which her husband was a deacon.

Lewis S. Palmer was educated in the common schools of Green Township, and until he was twelve years of age lived on the home farm. He then accompanied the family to Springfield Township, and he assisted in cultivating the home farm until 1880, when he engaged in farming on his own account on a tract east of Monroe Falls, which he purchased in 1903. In addition to this farm, which consists of 107 acres, he owns a tract of thirty acres, which he bought in 1884, and the Singleton farm of 148 acres, in Streetsboro, which he secured in 1898. Two of these farms he rents, having fifty-two acres under cultivation on his own account. In 1874-5, when the Valley Railroad was under construction, Mr. Palmer worked as a foreman for E. A. McChesney. In the spring of 1899 he purchased a portable sawmill, which he has operated throughout this section, sawing on an average of 500,000 feet annually, and since 1892 he has operated a threshing machine, giving three men employment. Mr. Palmer is a Democrat in politics, and although he is not inclined to have political aspirations, he has served his township as assessor. He belongs to the order of Eagles at Kent. Among his most cherished possessions is an old musket, which one of his paternal ancestors carried in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Palmer was married to Almeda E. Swinehart, who is a daughter of Levi Swinehart, a prominent citizen of Stow Township. Eight children have been born to this union, as follows: Nelson, Maude, Bertha, Blanche, Chauncey, Ira, Coy and Elmo. Chauncey died aged ten years.

BENJAMIN F. CLARK, deputy county recorder of Summit County and adjutant of Buckley Post, G. A. R., at Akron, has been a resident of this city since 1871, and for eighteen years was connected with the *Beacon-Journal*. Mr. Clark was born in Lilson, Columbiana County, Ohio, January 24, 1841, and is a son of Rev. George Calhoun and Susan Atchison (Lee) Clark.

The father of Mr. Clark was a minister in the Christian Church. His mother was a first cousin of General Robert E. Lee, and possessed much of the beauty and dignity of the ladies of that old Virginia family. As a minister subject to the commands of church councils, Rev. George Clark was obliged frequently to change his place of residence, and when his son was about three years of age, he was stationed in Trumbull County. As soon as Benjamin was old enough he was placed at school at Massillon, and was under the instruction of that great educator, Prof. T. W. Harvey, later State School commissioner, and under him was graduated in 1859. He then read medicine for two years with Dr. Metz, of Massillon, but when the Civil War became a certainty, he decided to put aside his personal ambitions and enter into the service of his country.

In August, 1861, Mr. Clark became a member of Company H, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into service at Camp Tiffin, at Wooster, and after a season of drilling went to Cumberland Gap. The soldiers were put on skirmish duty for a time, the first fight in which the Sixteenth Regiment was engaged being at Tazewell, Tennessee. Great events followed and Mr. Clark, with his comrades were soon in the thickest

of the Vicksburg movements. After passing safely through the siege of Vicksburg, he was severely wounded by a shell in the charge at Chickashaw Bayou, which sent him first to a hospital, later to his home as hopelessly injured and led to his discharge from the service. However, he was not through with military life, and as soon as he unexpectedly recuperated, he re-enlisted, entering Company B, McLaughlin's Cavalry, Sherman's Brigade, which was organized by John Sherman. This regiment took part in the Atlanta campaign, followed General Stoneman into Georgia, and after the fall of Atlanta still pursued the enemy, but, in turn, were themselves pursued by the desperate Confederates. The latter overtook them and forced an entire surrender of all that part of the raiding Union Army, with the exception of the brigade to which Mr. Clark was attached. It refused to surrender and attempted to cut its way out from Sunshine Church, to liberty, but suffered capture. Mr. Clark was confined for seven months in the terrible prison pen at Andersonville, but survived its terrors, and at last was taken to Savannah, paroled, and then sent to a hospital at Annapolis, Maryland. Two weeks later he was sent to his home at Wooster, but, in his weakened state the change and excitement were too much for him and he suffered a relapse. For three weeks he lay unconscious, and he owes to the untiring, tender and loving care of his mother, his subsequent recovery, although the strain was too heavy upon her and in returning to life's activities through her devotion, he was obliged to part with her forever.

Mr. Clark remained at home only as long as absolutely necessary and then rejoined his regiment, which was then at Salisbury, North Caroline, receiving a perfect ovation from his admiring comrades. His regiment was merged with the Fifth Ohio Cavalry, and after his return he participated only in the battle of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The work of the regiment was mainly railway and provost duty until Mr. Clark was honorably discharged, in the fall of 1865, at Charlottieville, North Carolina.

After his final return to Wooster, Mr. Clark was employed as a printer at Wooster and other points until 1871, when he came to Akron and entered the *Beacon-Journal* office, where he worked at the case for eight years, and then took a position on the editorial force. It was while he was connected with newspaper work that he wrote his volume which he called the story of his life in Andersonville Prison. In 1891 he was elected county recorder of Summit County, and in 1894 he was re-elected, serving in the office for six years and eight months, following which he was interested in some Youngstown enterprises and became inspector for the Eastern Ohio Gas Company, of Akron, a position he resigned, when he became deputy recorder.

On May 1, 1866, Mr. Clark was married to Caroline Foltz, who is a daughter of Moses Foltz, of Wayne County, Ohio. They have three surviving children namely: Cora Alice, who is the wife of H. S. Brundon, of Cleveland; George K., a machinist, residing at Akron; and William K., also of Akron.

Mr. Clark is a member of the First Christian Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. For many years he has been very active in the Grand Army of the Republic.

CHARLES A. DIXON, M. D., physician and surgeon, with offices at No. 634 South Main Street, Akron, has been a resident of this city for the past thirteen years, and is an eminent representative of the Homeopathic School of Medicine, in Summit County. He was born in December, 1871, in Genesee County, New York.

Dr. Dixon was educated at Batavia, New York, graduating from the High School and from Devoe College, and subsequently, in 1894, from the Cleveland Medical College, at Cleveland, Ohio. He located immediately at Akron, where he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is president of the Summit County Homeopathic Clinical Society and member of the Northeastern Homeopathic Medical Society, the State Homeopathic Medical Society and the Summit County Medical Club. He is a close student and enthusiastic

scientific investigator and his numerous papers are listened to with interest and profit by the members of the various professional organizations in which they are read. He is one of the directors of the Summit County Medical club. Dr. Dixon is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, at Akron, and to Lake Erie Consistory and Alkoran Shrine, at Cleveland, being an official in the lesser branches. He belongs also to the Masonic Club, an exclusive organization at Akron.

Z. F. CHAMBERLIN, who is serving in his second term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Summit County Infirmary, was born in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 1, 1840, and is a son of Horace and Ann (Post) Chamberlin.

Horace Chamberlin was one of the most prominent citizens of Summit County. He was born in Hudson Township, in 1818, and died on his way home from the Centennial Exposition, in 1876, at Cleveland. By profession he was a lawyer but he never practiced. His wife was a daughter of Zina Post, one of the most prominent pioneers of early days, in Hudson Township. The six children of Horace Chamberlin and wife were: F. A. Chamberlin, of Newburgh, Ohio, now living retired; E. A. Chamberlin, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; H. A. Chamberlin, residing in Twinsburg Township; W. E., residing in Twinsburg Township; Delos, who died in infancy, and Z. F., subject of this sketch, who is the eldest of the family.

Z. F. Chamberlin was reared in his native township and was educated at Bissell Institute at Twinsburg, since which he has been extensively interested in farming, stockraising and dairying, operating 150 acres of land. He has always been more or less active in politics, and for six years was trustee of Northfield Township. He succeeded his father as a director in the Summit County Agricultural Society, serving nine years as the latter had done, and is succeeded in the office by his son, H. E.

Mr. Chamberlin married Sarah A. Paxson, who is a daughter of Heston C. Paxson, and they have one child, Harmon E. The latter was educated in the district schools and later at Cleveland, and is a well informed young man. He is a leading member of the order of Maccabees in this section and belongs to the Macedonian Village Council. He married Jennie Brower, who is a daughter of Henry Brower, and they have two children, Reginald Brower and Marie Lenore.

The Chamberlins have always been ranked with the progressive, intelligent and substantial people of Summit County. They have owned lands and stock, and as they prospered in their own material affairs, have lent their influence to assist in movements to benefit others.

B. F. HARBAUGH, one of Akron's representative business men, dealing in pianos and musical instruments, at No. 175 East Market Street, was born at New Pittsburg, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1854, and has been established in this city since 1902.

Mr. Harbaugh was educated in the schools of Wayne County, and early in life, in spite of his musical talents, had to work on a farm and also in a hardware store at Orrville, Ohio. In the meanwhile, as opportunity was afforded him, he cultivated his musical gifts and secured work as a teacher of vocal and instrumental music and as band instructor. Eventually he engaged in the sale of musical instruments, and handled these, especially pianos, at Orrville, for twelve years prior to coming to Akron. Mr. Harbaugh handles four of the best makes of pianos, including the A. B. Chase, the Packard, the Schiller and the Winter, making a specialty of the A. B. Chase and Winter Piano Players, and his stock includes everything relating to music.

Mr. Harbaugh was married February 26, 1879, to Sevilla Mowrer, and they have the following children: Ernest M., who is associated in business with his father; Emily Alice, Otto C., who is a draughtsman with the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company of Akron, and Ethel Thay and Edna May.

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RICHARD B. WALKER

With his family he belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church and is a member of the official board of this organization. Fraternally, Mr. Harbaugh is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Masons, being a Knight Templar.

RICHARD B. WALKER, president of the Akron Abstract Company and vice-president of the Permanent Savings and Loan Company, and a member of its directing board, was the pioneer merchant in this city in the line of agricultural implements and supplies. Mr. Walker was born August 11, 1825, at Belchertown, Massachusetts. His education was secured in the common schools, and his business training was along mercantile lines. In 1852 he came to Akron and opened the first store for the handling of agricultural implements and supplies. Later he enlarged his business to take in tin and hardware and carried on business until 1892, when he became general agent and traveling representative for Aultman, Miller and Company, managing the sales for them of the Buckeye Mowers and Harvesters. In 1902 he retired from business activity.

On January 18, 1852, Mr. Walker was married to Mary E. Jenney, who was born at Hardwick, Massachusetts, and they have had four children, namely: William, who is bookkeeper for the firm of Standard Sewing Machine Company, at Cleveland; George, a graduate of Yale College, who is serving as United States district attorney for the Southern District of Indian Territory; Charles, who is deceased; and Arthur H., who is a resident of London, England. Mrs. Walker died September 3, 1903.

In political sentiment, Mr. Walker has always been a Republican, and in earlier years he filled a number of important offices in Akron and in Summit County. He served in the City Council for two terms, at an early day, before hogs and cattle were restrained from running at large. For nine successive years he served as a member of the County Infirmary Board and to his efficient efforts in behalf of the county's unfortunates must be credited the erection of the present modern and magnificent infirmary buildings, which compare favorably with those of other counties. For thirty years he served as a deacon in the Congregational Church. Mr. Walker's present residence is at No. 166 Fir Street.

CHARLES N. GAYLORD, one of Stow Township's most substantial men and leading citizens, largely interested in the dairy industry, was born on the valuable farm on which he lives, in Summit County, Ohio, March 14, 1852, and is a son of Sylvester and Julia Ann (North) Gaylord.

The Gaylord family descended from the English Puritans who settled in Connecticut in colonial days. Jonathan Gaylord, the grandfather of Charles N., was born in Upper Middletown, Connecticut. He married Martha Thomas, who was born at Haddam, Connecticut, and they had the following children: Isaac, Eliza, Mary A., Joshua and Sylvester, all born in Connecticut, and Eli and Martha, both of whom were born in Ohio.

Jonathan Gaylord came with wife and children to the Western Reserve in 1809, among the large body of homeseekers who migrated thither about that time from the East. He started on the first day of June, 1809, his possessions drawn by yokes of oxen, Captain Stow and family being of the same party. Jonathan Gaylord brought his father and mother, Jonathan and Elizabeth (Goodham) with him, and the following brothers and sisters also accompanied the daring pioneer who was venturing into these wild regions: William, Betsey, Abia and Margaret. To the larger number of the travelers, that was indeed a memorable journey. All of those who were able to walk traveled in that primative way, for on many occasions streams had to be forded and thoroughfares cut through the dense forests. After forty-one days of advance the little cavalcade reached the desired destination and settled in the southern part of Stow Township. A part of the land which his grandfather and great-grandfather looked on and called good, is now the property of Charles N. Gaylord, although in its present state of

cultivation and improvement, it little resembles the landscape that then greeted their eyes. They were practical men, however, and they were able to value the timber and understand the quality of the soil.

Jonathan Gaylord acquired here 200 acres of forest land, on which he built first a log cabin, in which the family lived for some years, which was replaced by a substantial frame house. With the assistance of his sons he cleared this immense body of land, but was not permitted to enjoy the fruits of his labor into old age. He was active and industrious beyond his strength, and when farm work did not press, it was his custom to walk the whole distance to Cleveland and return, doing work in the shipyards of that then village. He was stricken, probably with an affection of the heart, while on one of these trips, when not more than in middle age. Both he and wife belonged to the Presbyterian faith.

Sylvester Gaylord, father of Charles N., was nine months old when brought by his parents to the Western Reserve. He attended the district schools and learned at Cleveland to be a carpenter and builder, and was a young man of such steadiness of character that when only twenty years of age, he began business for himself. He worked at his trade and lived on a part of the homestead farm in Stow Township which he purchased and which Charles N. now owns. He was a man of sterling character and was trusted and respected by all who knew him. Politically a Republican, he was offered by that party many local offices and was elected township trustee on several occasions. His death took place June 17, 1889.

In 1830, Sylvester Gaylord married (first) Ruth Nickerson, who was born near Cape Cod, in Massachusetts. She was of English descent and her parents were among the pioneer settlers in Stow Township, her father keeping one of the early inns at Stow Corners. There were two children born to this marriage: Helen, deceased; and Sylvester, residing at Stow Corners. The first wife of Mr. Gaylord died in 1838, and he was married (second) April 29, 1839, to Julia A. North, who was a daughter of Selah and Anna (Newell) North. The children born to this union were the following: Lucy, who is the widow of Linas E. Burr, residing at Cameron, Missouri; William, residing at Cleveland; Julia, who is the wife of Willard W. Wetmore, residing in Stow Township; Charlotte, who married for her first husband Dr. Charles Henshaw, and her second marriage was to James L. Banning, residing at Stow Corners; and Charles N.

Charles N. Gaylord attended the public schools of Monroe Falls and spent three years in the Tallmadge Academy. He then entered the paper mills at Monroe Falls, where he worked for some twelve years, after which he rented the farm from his father, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. The homestead farm was the property of his mother until her death and he continued to rent it until the settlement of the estate, when he purchased it together with seventy adjoining acres. During this whole period he has operated a dairy, keeping about twenty-five cows. During nine months of the year his milk goes to the Co-operative Creamery at Stow, of which enterprise he was one of the organizers, and of which he is a director as well as a heavy stockholder. In 1899, he embarked in a new industry on his farm, this being the making of ice cream by wholesale, and this dainty he sells all through this section, having the important contract of supplying Silver Lake Park. He has well-equipped quarters and utilizes a steam engine for power. Mr. Gaylord raises corn, oats and potatoes. His interests are many and varied, and he keeps a firm hand on all.

Mr. Gaylord married Lucy Southmayd, a member of an old and important family, and they have two children: Howard S. and Stanley G. Mrs. Gaylord is a daughter of the late William and Martha (Wilson) Southmayd.

The paternal grandmother of Mrs. Gaylord was Clarissa (Rice) Gaylord, who was born February 6, 1805, and died March 14, 1879. She was a daughter of Captain Rice and was the first white child born in Stow Township.

She became the second wife of Erastus Southmayd, who was born at Middletown, Connecticut, March 29, 1787. He came to the Western Reserve a single man and was married (first) to Annie Wetmore, in 1822, who died after the birth of three children: Charles, Lucy and Leonard. In 1827, he married Clarissa Rice, and they had four children: Walter, William, Horace and Henry. Erastus Southmayd owned a good farm situated one-half mile north of Stow Center, which he cleared from the forest, and for some years he also kept a hotel at Stow Corners. He died on this farm October 16, 1866. He was a member of the Disciples Church.

William Southmayd, father of Mrs. Gaylord, was one of the best-known citizens of Summit County. He was a farmer and school teacher, following the latter profession for sixteen years consecutively in his native county. For many years he was one of the infirmary directors and held political positions of various kinds, serving as clerk and as treasurer of Stow Township, on the Republican ticket, for a long period. He was a member of the School Board, and was an elder in the Disciples Church. His last years were passed at Cuyahoga Falls, where he died December 8, 1887, aged fifty-seven years. On November 4, 1852, he married Martha Wilson, who was born at Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, December 27, 1831, and was a daughter of Darius and Temperance (Chase) Wilson. Darius Wilson moved to the Western Reserve in 1835 and settled in Medina County, Ohio, where he died at the age of seventy-four years.

Politically Mr. Gaylord is a Republican. He served one term as justice of the peace and several terms as township trustee. For four years he has been president of the Summit County Horticultural Society, for two years president of the Farmers' Institute of Summit County, and secretary of this organization for two years, and has been a member of the School Board for a long period. He belongs to Pavonia Lodge, No. 301, Knights of Pythias, at Cuyahoga Falls. He is a deacon in the Disciples Church.

G. C. DONALDSON, manager of the Pittsburg Coal Company, at Akron, has a large territory to cover in the interests of this immense concern, with which he has been identified since 1900. He was born at Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1872, where he secured his schooling.

When sixteen years of age Mr. Donaldson went to Cleveland and entered the employ of Pickands, Mather & Company, with whom he continued for eight years, after which he was three years with the Canada Life Insurance Company. For a short time, Mr. Donaldson was employed as a special agent by the Erie Railroad, and then entered upon his present connection with the Pittsburg Coal Company. Until 1904 he traveled in its interest through Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and then was stationed at Akron and placed in charge of all the business in Ohio west and south of Warren, Ohio.

On October 9, 1902, Mr. Donaldson was married to Anna Grace Dunbar, of Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are members of the Presbyterian Church of Akron. Mr. Donaldson is a talented musician and is treasurer of the Tuesday Musical Club, Akron's leading musical organization.

SAMUEL F. ZILIOX, president and general manager of the Commercial Printing Company, of Akron, has specialized in his line of work for many years, and has been at the head of his present enterprise since its incorporation in 1896. He was born at Millville, Butler County, Ohio, in 1864, and was educated mainly at Hamilton.

When a lad of fifteen years Mr. Ziliox entered the printing office of Jacob H. Long, at Hamilton, where he remained two years, then spent a short time at Urbana, only to return to Hamilton, where he was connected with the Hamilton *Democrat* as superintendent and business manager until May, 1889. For a short period he was a member of the advertising staff of the St. Louis *Chronicle*, then was identified with the Laning Publishing Company, of Norwalk, Ohio. In February, 1891, he came to Akron and was in charge

of the job department of The Akron Printing and Publishing Company until March, 1896, when, with others, he organized the Commercial Printing Company. This concern was incorporated in 1898, with a capital stock of $20,000, which has been increased to $75,000. The officers of the company are: S. F. Ziliox, president and manager; D. W. Bowman, vice president; F. A. Lane, treasurer and general superintendent, and W. E. Young, secretary and assistant superintendent.

In 1904 Mr. Ziliox was married to Katheryn Aydelotte, of Hamilton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ziliox are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, and is a member of the Elks club.

FREDERICK KUHLKE, one of Akron's substantial business men, who conducts one of the leading bakeries in the city, has been identified with Akron's development for the past forty-one years. He was born in Germany in 1846, and was reared and educated in his own land.

In 1864 Mr. Kuhlke came to America and for two years he worked in a grocery store in New York City, and then came to Akron. Not being able to secure employment in a grocery at that time, Mr. Kuhlke worked on the Ohio Canal and at various things which an active, industrious young man is able to secure, in the meanwhile making friends for himself and accumulating enough capital to go into business in 1882. In 1886 he first engaged in the bakery business, having a partner for a space of six weeks, after which he continued alone. He proved himself a good manager and accumulated considerable money, but in the panic of 1893 he sustained losses which made it necessary for him to begin all over again.

Mr. Kuhlke proved that he possesses the perseverance and courage which usually belong to his countrymen, by setting to work immediately to repair his losses. He met with such success that by 1904 he was able to construct his present plant, consisting of a two-story brick building, 46 by 56 feet and basement, located at No. 330-2-4 South Broadway. Mr. Kuhlke conducts a first-class bakery, having sixteen employes and running seven wagons. His sales-rooms and office are located at No. 27 East Exchange Street.

In 1869 Mr. Kuhlke was married at Akron to Mary Bramer, and they have two surviving children—George, who is a salesman for the bakery, and Carl, who is foreman of the business. One son, Herman, died in 1894, aged twenty-four years, and his only daughter, Meta, died also in 1894, at the age of twenty-two years.

Mr. Kuhlke has taken more or less interest in politics and has frequently shown his public spirit. Since 1869 he has been identified with the Odd Fellows and has twice been sent as a representative to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which is no slight honor. He belongs to various German societies of a beneficiary and social nature, including the Liedertafel.

J. L. SHIREY, M. D., an old-established physician and surgeon of Akron and a prominent and respected citizen, was born at Hanover, Harrison County, Ohio, June 20, 1853.

At the age of twelve years Dr. Shirey went to Indiana, and was educated at Dover Hill, in that State, and at Carrollton, Ohio. In the meantime he had commenced the study of medicine and spent one term in the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, and then entered Starling Medical College, where he was graduated in 1885, locating for practice at Tippecanoe, Harrison County, Ohio, from which place he came to Akron, in 1887. He has been in the active practice of medicine and surgery in this city ever since, and claims a large amount of the legitimate business of the profession. He is a member of the Summit County and of the Ohio State Medical Societies, and keeps thoroughly posted on all subjects relating to the advance of medical science.

In 1881 Dr. Shirey was married to Anna Spiker, of Harrison County, and they have one daughter, Pearl K. She married Burt

D. Grief, who is superintendent of the largest sugar plantation in the world, which is located in Porto Rico.

Dr. Shirey is an active politician and is a stanch Republican. He is a citizen of great public spirit and takes pride in the progress and welfare of the city. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ANDREW HARPER ALLEN, a well-known resident of Cuyahoga Falls, now living retired in his pleasant home on Sackett Street, was born at Pond Creek, Bureau County, Illinois, August 18, 1856, and is a son of Robert Henry and Mary Phylura (Cochran) Allen.

The Allen family in Summit County, came from Scotch and Irish ancestors. John Allen, the great-grandfather of Andrew H., was born in County Antrim, Ireland, where he died, leaving a family of six children. George Allen, his third son, born in County Antrim, in 1799, married Elizabeth Harper, and they came to America in 1832, settling first at Lee, Massachusetts, and in 1836, coming to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He followed paper-making almost all his active life. He was a man of great industry and prudence and invested in land in Summit County, which became very valuable, a part of his eighty-acre farm being now included in the city of Cuyahoga Falls. He had ten children, namely: Jane, Andrew H., John M., Robert H., William A., George L., Julia, Mary Alexander and the first Mary, who died in infancy while the family was crossing the Atlantic ocean.

Robert Henry Allen, father of Andrew H., was born December 25, 1832, at Lee, Massachusetts, and came to Cuyahoga Falls with his father, in 1836. For twenty years after reaching maturity he was engaged in the carriage-making trade at Cuyahoga Falls, but in 1874 he moved to a farm which was situated in Stow Township, on which he lived until 1882. He then moved to Akron, where he resumed work at his trade of carriage manufacture, but one year later he discontinued it, and bought a farm of 170 acres in Stow Township, to which he moved. He now turned his attention to acquiring land and continued to add one parcel to another until his possessions aggregate 600 acres. He was a man of exceptional business faculty, but he gained his ample fortune without dishonesty, mainly through his steady perseverance and frugality.

On October 5, 1855, Mr. Allen married Mary Phylura Cochran, who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, July 18, 1837, a daughter of John M. and Jane (Semple) Cochran. Both the Cochran and the Semples were old colonial families of Scotch-Irish lineage that had generations of honest ancestors behind them. John M. Cochran was born in 1775, at Calcutta, Ohio, and in 1814 was married to Jane Semple, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, but who had been reared in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, where her father, James Semple had settled, being an early teacher in that locality. The children of Robert Henry and Mary P. Allen were: Andrew H., Maria, William A. and Arthur M. Mrs. Allen is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Allen was identified with the Republican party, and was one of its founders in Summit County. He died May 5, 1902, aged sixty-nine years.

Andrew Harper Allen's parents resided only one year at Pond Creek, moving then to Cuyahoga Falls, where he was reared and educated. After completing the High School course, he learned the trade of wagon-maker with his father and uncle. After finishing his apprenticeship with the firm of W. A. Allen & Company, he was married and moved to Lafayette, Indiana, where he worked for about a year. He was then in partnership with John Spafford, at Akron, for a year, and for another year with John Agne, under the firm name of Allen & Agne, doing business enough to encourage him to organize the Allen Wagon Company. This enterprise was entirely successful and Mr. Allen carried it on for some years, giving employment to thirty people in his works. After disposing of his interests in this concern, in partnership with his father he purchased the old Galloway farm, and on it was engaged in general farming and dairying for five years.

After retiring from the farm Mr. Allen went to the Goodrich Rubber Company as a millwright and pattern-maker, where he continued for five years. He then started a pattern shop of his own, at Cuyahoga Falls, which he continued to operate, with two assistants, until the spring of 1907. Mr. Allen then retired from active business life, being able to look back over a useful and prosperous career of many years.

Mr. Allen was married, first, to Ora Warner, who was a daughter of William Warner, of Mogadore. She died in 1897, aged thirty-seven years. Her three surviving children are: Walter M., residing at Akron; Edna Grace, who married E. O. Hale, residing at Akron, and S. Blanche, who married F. F. Bingham, and resides at Bedford, Indiana. Mr. Allen was married, second, to Emma Willgohs, who is a daughter of Dr. Charles F. Willgohs, of Doylestown. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are members of the Episcopal Church. In political sentiment, Mr. Allen is a Democrat. He has been identified with much of the development of Cuyahoga Falls, at all times performing his full duty to the community as becomes a worthy citizen.

FREDERICK C. WOOD, a well known business citizen of Akron, treasurer of the Akron Auto Garage, was born in 1873, at Peninsula, Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Frederick Wood.

The father of Mr. Wood was born in Ireland, in 1828, and emigrated to America and settled in Boston Township, in 1835. For fifty years he was engaged in business at Peninsula, being a pioneer merchant of the place, and was prominent in the town's development. At the age of seventy-nine years he still survives, enjoying life, and resides with his son at Akron.

Frederick C. Wood entered his father's store as a clerk in early youth, and for twelve years was a partner with his father, the firm style being F. Wood & Son. In the fall of 1899 he came to Akron and engaged in a clothing business for six years, and in 1905 he became associated with the Youngstown *Telegram*, but subsequently sold his interest and returned to Akron. Since then he has been identified with automobile interests. He bought a partnership in an established automobile concern at Akron and the business was incorporated as the Akron Auto Garage Company, with a capital stock of $25,000. The president and manager of the company is Andrew Auble, and Frederick C. Wood is secretary and treasurer. Scarcely any business is showing a more healthy growth than is the automobile.

In 1896 Mr. Wood was married to Clara Brown, of Sharon Center, Medina County, and they have two children: Charlotte Josephine, and Frederick Southmayd. The name of Southmayd came from the youth's seventh great-grandfather, Rev. John Southmayd, who was presented with a home by the citizens of Waterbury, Connecticut, in recognition of his services in the Pequot War.

Mr. Wood has been active in politics since early manhood and he was elected treasurer of Boston Township when twenty-one years of age, serving two terms. For four years he was postmaster at Peninsula, serving under the late President McKinley, and being reappointed by President Roosevelt, resigning the office when he came to Akron. He is still interested in public affairs, but holds no office, devoting the main part of his time to business. At present, with Mr. Auble, he is erecting a fine brick and cement building, 110 feet by 70 feet, on Buchtel Avenue, to be utilized as a garage.

Fraternally, Mr. Wood belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen, and is a council member of the Knights of Pythias. For a number of years he has been connected with the Episcopal *Church of Our Savior*, and is serving on the board of vestrymen. Recently, with Rev. Atwater and Frederick Work, he planned and carried out a most delightful trip. The gentlemen took fifty Sunday school pupils whom they had formed into a quasi-military organization, to Washington city, where the party called on President Roosevelt, whose pleasure at seeing the lads in Rough Rider costumes, probably

equaled their pride in the same. The whole trip will long be remembered by all who took part in it.

THE KELLER BRICK COMPANY, of Portage Township, manufacturers of wire-cut building brick, and shippers of the same to all parts of Ohio, consists of three brothers, namely: William F., Frederick W. and Charles, all practical business men and valuable citizens. This business was established in 1890 as a partnership and was thus continued until December 12, 1900, when it was incorporated and has since been known as the Keller Brick Company. The officers are: Frederick W. Keller, president, and William F. Keller, secretary and treasurer. The plant is equipped with the most modern machinery for the making of brick, and its capacity is 40,000 daily. Coal is the fuel used, and employment is given to thirty experienced workmen.

William F. Keller was born December 7, 1862, at Berlin, Germany, and is a son of Gottfried and Elizabeth (Haller) Keller. The father was born in Berlin and died at Wooster, Ohio, in 1899, aged sixty-five years. He emigrated to America in 1865 and, after living for some years in the State of New York, went to Canada, where he followed his trade of mason and quarryman. In 1887 he settled at Wooster, Ohio, and continued to work at his trade during the rest of his active life. He had thirteen children, of whom the three sons already named, Frank, and two daughters, are living, namely: Mary, who married James Lennon, residing at Akron; and Katherine, who married Harry Ingersol, also residing at Akron. Seven children died young. The three brothers who are in business together—Frederick W., Charles and William F.—were married to three sisters. Frederick W. married Sarah M. Seigfried; Charles married Jennie Siegfried, and William F. married Hattie L. Seigfried.

William F. Keller's education was obtained in the public schools at Wooster. When eighteen years of age he came to Akron, where he followed teaming and other occupations for a time. In 1880 he went to work in a brickyard, learning the trade with Arthur Bartges, and later he worked for the Cooper Brick Company. In 1890 he decided to go into business for himself, and, in partnership with his brothers, leased the present plant. The business has constantly increased and has been expanded into one of the large and prospering concerns of Portage Township.

Mr. Keller, as above noted, married Hattie L. Seigfried, who is a daughter of Isaac Siegfried, of Akron, and they have five children, namely: Pearl, who is bookkeeper for the Keller Brick Company, and wife of Albert Phelps, who is employed by the firm; and Earl L., Claude, Helen and Ada. Mrs. Keller is a member of Trinity Reformed Church of Akron. In politics, Mr. Keller is a Republican. Fraternally, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen.

FREDERICK WOOD, a highly respected citizen of Akron, and a pioneer resident of Summit County, whose business life at Peninsula covered more than fifty years, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1828, his parents being Nesbitt and Eliza (Morton) Wood.

In 1835 the parents of Mr. Wood came to America with their children. They lived for two years in Michigan and then removed to Ohio, settling in Boston Township, Summit County. There the father died in 1863 and was survived five years by his wife.

From the age of eighteen years, when he entered into business, until his final retirement, Mr. Wood's whole life was given to mercantile pursuits. After several years of training in the stores of the village of Boston, in 1853 Mr. Wood embarked in business for himself at Peninsula, with which place he was identified for over a half century. He served in many of the township and town offices, for over twenty years was postmaster, and was the promoter and backer of many of the successful enterprises of the place. For twenty years or more he operated a stone quarry in Boston Township. With his retirement from active business life and removal to Akron he severed many ties at Peninsula.

In 1854 Mr. Wood was married to Charlotte M. Barnhart, who was born June 19, 1836, at Peninsula, where she died October 22, 1890. She was a daughter of Jacob and Rhoda (Bronson) Barnhart, the former of whom was born in New York and became a resident of Peninsula in 1833. He died January 26, 1874, one of Summit County's most respected citizens. The mother of Mrs. Wood was born in Connecticut, in 1800, and she was a daughter of Hermon and Molly (Hickox) Bronson. There were four children born to Frederick Wood and wife, namely: Anna C., Stella A., Minnie E. and Frederick C. The eldest daughter died in womanhood and the third daughter died in infancy. Stella A. married H. L. Cross, of Cleveland and they have three children. Frederick C. is a prominent citizen of Akron. An adopted daughter of Mr. Wood, Mrs. Julia E. Moody, resides in the old Wood homestead at Peninsula.

Mr. Wood has been a member of the Episcopal Church since boyhood and, with his wife, was very active in church work for years, the latter being organist and leader of the choir. She was a lady of many accomplishments and lovely character and her death was a loss, not only to her family, but to her church and community. Mr. Wood is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

EDWARD COATES, a successful business citizen of Cuyahoga Falls, who has shown enterprise and ability, not only in one trade, but in several, carries on two distinct industries on his property at the north end of Second Street in this city. His greenhouses cover a large space and his florist business is flourishing, while he has had his own blacksmith shop in operation for a number of years. Mr. Coates was born at Simcoe, County Norfolk, Ontario, Dominion of Canada, November 8, 1856, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Alderson) Coates.

Thomas Coates was born at Richmond, Yorkshire, England, in 1819, and died in 1883. He was a carriage-maker by trade, and after emigrating to Canada, settled at Simcoe, where he did a large business and gained an extended reputation as a carriage and wagon manufacturer. He retired from active business about eight years before his death. In the management of municipal affairs at Simcoe he was very prominent, holding numerous responsible offices, and at the time of his death was acting mayor. His children were: Joseph, residing at Simcoe; Maria, who married Francis Hurt; Thomas, residing at Simcoe; Edward, and George. Maria and George are both deceased. The family was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church.

Edward Coates attended the common schools and during his vacations he learned the wood-working trade with his father, and by the time he was sixteen years of age he had a working knowledge of wagon-making. He then learned carriage-ironing and for several years was thus employed in some of the best shops at Simcoe. Following this he formed a partnership with his brother Joseph under the firm name of J. & E. Coates, for the manufacture of wagons and carriages, and the firm also engaged in undertaking. Edward Coates continued as a member of this firm until 1880, when he withdrew to give his entire attention to horseshoeing. For some years previous he had had considerable practice in this line, and had acquired enough skill to make him feel confident of success. After securing a diploma from the Toronto Veterinary College as a horse farrier, he opened a shop at Simcoe.

In the latter part of 1883 Mr. Coates came to Cuyahoga Falls and started into business for himself, at Northampton. Shortly afterward he removed to Munroe Falls, where he remained until 1885, when he returned to Cuyahoga Falls and entered into partnership with Joseph Jones, under the firm name of Jones & Coates, in the business of horseshoeing and general repairing. Several years later Mr. Coates bought the interest of Mr Jones and continued alone until 1899, when he purchased the business of F. D. Vogan, and after that was the only proprietor and operator of a shop of this kind at Cuyahoga Falls for four years. Mr. Coates prospered so well that he decided to expand his facilities and, accord-

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ingly, moved to his present site on Second Street, building his present commodious and well-equipped shop. He still does a very large business in this line.

In his boyhood Mr. Coates had worked at times in a florist's establishment, and finding the work congenial, had subsequently resolved, now that he had the time, to take up floriculture as a business. In 1904 he built his first greenhouse, a structure 14 by 60 feet, intending to run it as a kind of side issue, but he succeeded so well and his trade increased so rapidly that in 1905 he built another greenhouse, 20 by 60 feet in dimensions, and he now devotes about three acres to plants and flowers. He deals mainly in bedding plants and finds a ready local market for all he can produce. Beginning this business more for recreation than for profit, Mr. Coates has developed it into something very important and remunerative.

Mr. Coates was married to Mary A. Monteith, who is a daughter of William Monteith, of Simcoe, Ontario, but who was born in County Donegal, Ireland. They have two children, Edward M., residing at Cleveland, and Ruth M. The family belong to St. John's Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Coates has served two terms as a member of the vestry. His fraternal connections are with the National Union, being secretary of the local council, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, being a charter member of the organization at Cuyahoga Falls.

PAUL E. WERNER, founder, president and general manager of the Werner Company, at Akron, book manufacturers, lithographers, printers and engravers, and also publishers of the New Werner Edition of the Encyclopaedia Brittannica, has been in active business life in this city for a great many years. Mr. Werner was born in 1850, in Wurtemberg, Germany, a kingdom that has contributed to America some of her leading citizens, and came to the United States in 1867.

Mr. Werner came to Akron as a boy of seventeen years and until 1874 he was employed in clerical positions with different business firms, in the meanwhile preparing himself and laying the foundations for a business of his own. In the above mentioned year he purchased the Akron *Germania,* and in four years had made such progress that he felt justified in enlarging his scope of operations, in 1878 founding the Sunday *Gazette,* and also the Akron *Tribune,* daily and weekly. The management of all these journals he kept in his own hands until 1884. Pressure of other business then induced Mr. Werner to dispose of his newspapers, and he then turned his entire attention to general printing, binding and engraving. In 1888 Mr. Werner organized a stock company which was the forerunner of the present great book factory, which represents, in a special degree, the development of the ideas and the persevering industry and foresight of its founder.

Among the many prospering business enterprises of Akron few are more widely known, and still fewer are of equal importance to this section than the Werner Company, the officers of which are men of capital, public spirit and unblemished integrity. They are: Paul E. Werner, president and general manager; R. M. Werner, vice-president and assistant treasurer; C. I. Bruner, treasurer; Karl Kendig, secretary; H. M. Huddleston, assistant secretary; and Edward P. Werner, general superintendent.

The Werner Company is by far the largest and most complete book factory on the American Continent. It comprises under one roof, so to speak, and under one management, all the graphic arts and trades. It furnishes directly and indirectly the material means of livelihood for from 4,000 to 5,000 Akron inhabitants. The great majority of the employees of the Werner Company are skilled in trades and arts and receive high compensation. During the year 1906 the works of the Werner Company were in uninterrupted operation and a great part of the time were running thirteen hours daily. In order to form an idea of the magnitude of this great industry the following will be of interest: During that year this company purchased and received raw material and shipped finished

products representing the full capacity of 1,200 railroad cars. The products included more than 3,000,000 of large books; more than 15,000,000 of large and finely-illustrated catalogs made for the largest manufacturing concerns of this country, and millions of other printed, lithographed and engraved articles. If the books alone which were manufactured by the Werner Company last year were laid on one pile alone, one on top of the other, this pile would reach ninety-six miles into the air. If these books were laid side by side, they would constitute a line 500 miles long.

The raw materials consumed during the past year comprise 3,500 different kinds, the largest consumption being in paper, cloth, leather, gold and ink. A little calculation will show how immense has been the output. If the paper consumed for only the past year were laid in sheets, side by side, they would reach around the world four times. The binders' cloth consumed for this period measured 5,000,000 square feet. The different kinds of leather consumed required the skins of 25,000 cattle, 30,000 sheep, and 36,000 Persian and Morocco goats. Over 3,000,000 leaves of gold were consumed.

While the principal product of this factory is books, the Werner Company has a world-wide reputation for furnishing fine commercial work, typographic as well as lithographic, and catalogs of every description, and of this particular kind of product it makes more than any other concern in the United States.

President Werner of the above company has numerous other interests in city and county and has been the encourager of many of the enterprises which needed a helping hand when getting established. He is president of the Klages Coal and Ice Company, is president of the Akron *Germania* Company, and also of the German-American Company.

On February 22, 1873, Mr. Werner was married to Lucy Anna Denaple, and they have three sons—Edward Paul, Frank Albert and Richard Marvin. All three were educated at Kenyon Military Academy, at Gambier, Ohio, subsequently attended schools in the East, and finally completed their general educations in Germany. Edward Paul, who is the general superintendent of the Werner Company, was married in 1901 to Harriet Poehlman, and they have three children: Frank Albert, residing at Berlin, Germany, has made a reputation, at the age of thirty years, as a portrait artist; and Richard Marvin, who is vice-president and assistant treasurer of the Werner Company, married Eda R. Hyndman, and they have one child. Their home is at No. 282 West Market Street.

Although Mr. Werner's life has been mainly devoted to his large business interests, he is recognized as one of the foremost public-spirited men in the community. His influence is felt in the furtherance of educational and philanthropic movements at Akron.

T. DWIGHT PAUL, assistant state engineer, was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, July 21, 1848. He is a son of the late Hosea Paul, who was a pioneer citizen and surveyor. Hosea Paul was born at Northfield, Vermont, April 6, 1809. In 1834 he removed to Cuyahoga Falls, where he afterward served as justice of the peace and mayor. He located several of the first railroads in this section, and was county surveyor for many years. During 1863-4 he served as an assistant engineer in the United States Engineer Corps department of the Army of the Cumberland. His death in 1870 was hastened by hardships endured in his war service. He was noted for his rugged honesty, and for his outspoken opposition to slavery and intemperance, when it required courage to express such sentiments.

T. Dwight Paul was educated in the public schools at Cuyahoga Falls and the Pennsylvania Polytechnic College at Philadelphia. He was married in 1877 to Emeline Owens, of Armstrong's Mills, Belmont County, Ohio. Two children were born to them: Ethel, who died in 1900, at the age of twenty-one years, and Frank D. Paul, a graduate of the Ohio State University, who is now a mechanical engineer at Cleveland. They have two foster children, Theresa and Lewis Paul, whom they took to raise upon the death of their daughter.

Mr. Paul served one year as county surveyor

by appointment and for three years was resident engineer of the Public Works of Ohio, and for one year was United States deputy mineral surveyor, of Montana. He was chief engineer of the B. Z. & C. R. R. in 1875-6, building the same from Bellaire to Woodsfield, Ohio. He has served as division engineer of the Canada Southern, Chicago, Lakeshore & Western, the Chicago & Erie, the Union Pacific, and other railroads, in Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska, Idaho, Montana and Washington.

In 1902-3 he was engineer in charge of construction of the Akron & Barberton Belt Railroad. In 1894-5 he had charge of the field work of the survey of a proposed ship canal through Ohio for the United States government.

Mr. Paul served in the Akron City Council from 1898 to 1901. He twice prevented the Akron Street Railroad from obtaining an extension of their franchise on a 5-cent fare basis, and compelled a basis of twenty-five tickets for one (1) dollar. He was very largely instrumental in securing independent telephone service for Akron. He made a remarkable record in opposition to all franchise aggression, and to all forms of hasty or secret legislation, often voting alone in his opposition. Mr. Paul has still work to do before his history closes, and his friends believe it will not be unimportant.

WARD B. MIDDLETON, physician and surgeon at Cuyahoga Falls, and proprietor of "The Elms," a private hospital, is an eminent member of his profession, for which he prepared by long courses of study in the most advanced scientific schools of the country. Dr. Middleton was born in Jackson Township, Coshocton County, Ohio, October 24, 1858, and is a son of Jesse and Susan A. (Titus) Middleton. Ignatius Middleton, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Middleton, was born in South Carolina, where he owned a large plantation and was one of a distinguished family, his uncle, Arthur Middleton, being one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Jesse Middleton, father of Dr. Middleton, was born in South Carolina and was a son of Ignatius and Sarah (Loomis) Middleton. He died in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1886, aged seventy-six years. He had long been engaged in farming and stock-raising. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. He married Susan A. Titus, who was a daughter of Timothy Titus, of Harrison County, and she resides at Roscoe, Ohio, being now in her eighty-sixth year. They had five children, namely: William C., residing on the old homestead; Caroline, who married John Norris and resides in Coshocton County; Frances L., who married Henry Ash and resides at Roscoe, Ohio; Bessie (deceased), who married Dr. G. S. Morris, of Arkansas City, Kansas; Ward B., the youngest, whose name begins this sketch. Jesse Middleton and his wife were early promoters of the Presbyterian Church in Coshocton County.

In boyhood Dr. Middleton attended first the local schools and later the Normal school at Ada, and a school at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania. He taught school for seven years, during which period he entered upon the study of medicine, beginning to read in 1880 under Dr. W. C. Frew, of Coshocton. He subsequently entered the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated March 5, 1885. He began the practice of his profession at Roscoe, where he remained for eighteen months, then practiced for one year at Newark, after which he became examining surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, for four years residing at Pittsburg, and for the latter four years of this connection at Akron. Dr. Middleton retired from railroad practice in 1899, since which time he has mainly devoted himself to surgery, residing at Cuyahoga Falls, where, in February, 1905, he opened his private hospital. This medical retreat which he has named "The Elms" is a modern institution, beautifully located and thoroughly equipped, with accommodations for ten patients, all of whom come directly under Dr. Middleton's personal care.

Dr. Middleton is a member of the Summit County Medical Society and the American

Medical Association. He keeps closely in touch with the progress of his profession and makes use of such perfected apparatus as his own knowledge and experience have proved to be of value. In 1898 he passed three months in the New York Polyclinic Hospital, doing post-graduate work in surgery and gynecology; in the fall of 1899 he spent three weeks in the Chicago Clinical School; in the fall of 1900 he took a special course in gynecology at the Mary Thompson Hospital, Chicago, under Dr. Byron Robinson, and at the same time he took an operative course in the post-graduate school in the same city, which he has visited since.

Dr. Middleton married Clara R. Wood, who is a daughter of H. H. Wood, of Coshocton County, and they have two children, namely: Louise A. and Margaret L. Dr. Middleton is nominally identified with the Democratic party, but is practically independent in political action. He is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HARRY W. HAROLD, one of the substantial retired residents of Akron, where he has lived for the past twenty-seven years, was born at Maidstone, County Kent, England, in 1829.

Prior to coming to America in 1859, Mr. Harold had been well educated in an English school, and had already served for twelve years in the British army. He located at Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, from which place he enlisted in 1861 for service in the Civil War in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. On account of his previous military experience, he was made drill master of Company E, in which he held the rank of sergeant. The regiment was stationed in Virginia during the term of Mr. Harold's service, and it participated in numerous hard battles.

After his honorable discharge from the army, which came in 1863, on account of illness, Mr. Harold returned to Massachusetts, and shortly afterward went to work in the government armory at Springfield, where he remained for two years. This was followed by a visit to his old home in England, and, after returning to America, he was engaged for three years in a cutlery business in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and then came to Ohio, and for five years carried on a gun and cutlery business at Alliance. Four years of farming in Lee County, Illinois, followed, and then Mr. Harold lived one year at Canton, Ohio, coming from there to Akron. For three and one-half years he was superintendent of the Akron Cutlery Works, after which he engaged in a gunsmith business for himself, continuing until 1900, when he retired from all kinds of business. As recreation he does quite a little bit of gardening on his pleasant grounds at No. 318 Carroll Street. He owns other property at Akron.

In 1866 Mr. Harold was married to Anna Proudley, and they have one child, Charles B., who is bookkeeper for the Star Drilling Works. With his family, Mr. Harold belongs to the Episcopal Church. Politically, he is a Republican. He has never lost his interest in military affairs and enjoys attending the reunions of his old regiment. During and since the Civil War he has been interested in the philanthropic work carried on by Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society, for whom he has the greatest veneration and with whom he carries on a friendly correspondence.

THE LOOMIS HARDWARE COMPANY, one of the oldest business firms at Cuyahoga Falls, which was established in 1864 and incorporated in 1895, does the largest business in its line in Summit County. Its main founder was L. W. Loomis, the late father of the present proprietors, Byron H. and Irving L. Loomis, who was prominently identified with the progress and development of this section for very many years. L. W. Loomis was born January 11, 1836, at Nelson, Madison County, New York, and was the eldest of a family of eleven children born to his parents, who were William and Emeline (Thomas) Loomis.

L. W. Loomis was five years of age when his parents moved to Wyoming County, New York, and he remained on his father's farm

until he had reached his majority, when he started out for himself. His capital of $10 he used in preparing to go out on the road as a tin peddler for the firm of Smith & Harrington, of Waterloo, New York, and he was in the employ of this house when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company G, Thirteenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. During the two years he was in the army he participated in the battles of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Ball's Bluff and other engagements of more or less importance, and was honorably discharged at Canandaigua, New York, February 6, 1864.

After his return from the army, Mr. Loomis resumed work for his old employers, until February, 1864, when, with his brother, Horace E. Loomis, he came to Cuyahoga Falls, and, in partnership with his former firm, established the business which is now known as the Loomis Hardware Company. Mr. Loomis and brother contributed ten tinware wagons and they had a half interest in the business. In March, 1865, L. W. Loomis bought his brother's interest, and in 1868 he became the sole owner of the business. He found a market all over the country, and for twenty years kept up the peddling business in seasonable time, replacing the tinware with a hardware stock.

On June 10, 1895, the Loomis Hardware Company was incorporated by L. W., Byron H. and Irving L. Loomis. This business has been since expanded into one of the largest in the county. The store at Cuyahoga Falls is stocked with everything in the line of hardware, including kitchen furnishings and ranges. The tinware department has been resumed, and they have a special trade which takes their manufactured goods.

When Mr. Loomis came to Cuyahoga Falls in 1864, he found a town with a population of 1,500, with few signs of improvements of a public character. It was through his personal efforts that a petition was circulated which resulted in the incorporation of the town. He was a man of great enterprise and remarkable foresight. In 1879, in partnership with H. E. Parks, he opened up High Bridge Glen, which became a very popular public resort, and during Mr. Loomis' management a pavilion costing $3,500 was erected. From the time of its organization until his death Mr. Loomis was president of the Falls Savings and Loan Association. In politics he was a Republican, and no man was ever better qualified for civic office, but the only office he would accept was that of councilman. For many years he was connected with Howard Lodge of Odd Fellows.

On June 3, 1864, Mr. Loomis was married to Jane Curtiss, who was a daughter of Chauncey Curtiss, of Canandaigua, New York, and they had five children, three of whom reached maturity, namely: Lillian M., born March 21, 1865, who died August 31, 1898; Byron H., who was born September 18, 1868; and Irving L., who was born August 21, 1871; Mrs. Jane Loomis, mother of these children, died May 26, 1895.

Byron H. Loomis was reared and educated at Cuyahoga Falls and has been connected with his present enterprise during the whole of his business life. He is secretary and treasurer of the Loomis Hardware Company.

Irving L. Loomis, who is president and general manager of the Loomis Hardware Company, like his brother, passed through the Cuyahoga Falls High School and then entered the present business, working for five years in the tinshop. On March 23, 1895, he was married (first) to Mabelle Campbell, a daughter of C. A. Campbell, of Hudson. She died November 7, 1897, leaving one son, Carl C. Mr. Loomis was married (second), November 24, 1898, to Clara L. Nelson, who is a daughter of Chester Nelson, of Tallmadge. Mr. Loomis belongs to Star Lodge, No. 187, F. & A. M., and to the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past commander, being also a member of the Uniformed Rank of Cuyahoga Company, No. 84.

F. H. MASON, first vice-president of the B. F. Goodrich Company, at Akron, has been a resident of this city for twenty-eight years and is prominently and officially connected with many of the important business enter-

prises which have made its name known in all parts of the world. Mr. Mason was born in 1852 at Littleton, New Hampshire.

In early life the parents of Mr. Mason removed to Vermont, where he was reared and educated, but young manhood found him in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and later on in the mining regions of California. There he gained a large amount of practical knowledge, combined with beneficial experience. In 1879 he came to Akron and entered the works of the Goodrich Company as a general employe, but was shortly made foreman, then assistant superintendent and later superintendent and general manager. On January 1, 1907, he succeeded B. G. Work as first vice-president of this company. He owns stock in a number of other successful enterprises, and is president also of the Bridgewater Machine Company, and is on the directing board of the Thomas Phillips Company.

In 1876 Mr. Mason was married to May L. Dexter, of Bangor, Maine, and they have two daughters: Mrs. H. K. Rayman, whose husband is connected with the B. F. Goodrich Company; and Mrs. Frank C. Howland, who is connected with the Thomas Phillips Pipe Company, of Akron.

Mr. Mason is a member of the First Congregational Church at Akron.

JAMES LYONS, one of the venerable residents of Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, who, despite his years, is known as one of this section's most capable and energetic agriculturists, was born in 1834, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and is a son of James and Martha (Sangster) Lyons.

Mr. Lyons remained on his father's farm until reaching his majority, when he emigrated to America, and settled in Bedford, Ohio, being employed there for two years on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad. Since that time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1864 he came to Northfield Township and purchased his present fine farm of 160 acres, of which he cultivates about 100 acres, keeping two men constantly and extra hands during harvest time. In the past he has paid particular attention to dairying, milking on an average of twenty-five cows and shipping milk to Cleveland, but because of the difficulty so universally experienced in securing competent farm help in these days, he has decided to give up dairying, and, therefore, keeps but sixteen cows, giving his entire time to feeding cattle for the market.

Mr. Lyons was married to Betsey Freeman, who is a daughter of John Freeman, of Solon, Ohio, and who was born on the voyage from Scotland to America in 1836. Of this union there have been born four children: Ann (deceased), who was the wife of Fred Aldrich, of Cleveland, and has two children: Ellen, who is the wife of Leon Kellogg, reared five children; (one, Hazel, died in September, 1907, in her thirteenth year); George, the only son of his parents, died in 1900, aged twenty-eight years; and Margaret, who is the wife of Frank Gossman, of Macedonia. They reared four children: Bertha, Ralph, Jennie and an infant, deceased.

James Lyons is one of Northfield Township's prudent, observing and public-spirited citizens, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen. Although never an office-seeker, he is a stanch Republican and has served several terms as supervisor. With his family he attends the United Presbyterian Church.

T. L. FIRESTONE, proprietor of the Empire Hotel, the leading hostelry at Akron, has been a resident of this city for the past thirty-eight years. He was born at Fredericksburg, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1846, where he lived until twelve years of age, when his mother died and he went to live with his uncle at Newark, Ohio.

His education was completed in the Newark schools and at the age of seventeen he entered the Federal army. His first enlistment for six months was in Company E, 129th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was raised at Cleveland. After the close of his first enlistment he remained at home for two weeks and then re-enlisted, entering Company H, 102d Ohio Volunteer Infantry,

for a term of three years, and served until the close of the war. During his first period in the army he was a member of Cox's Division, Burnside's Corps. He was present when Cumberland Gap was taken, in 1863, and went through the entire Knoxville campaign. During his second period he was in the Twentieth Army Corps, and his service was mainly in Tennessee and Alabama, the command to which he was attached following and intercepting the Confederate, General Hood, whenever it was possible. During the first enlistment he served as a private, and during the second held the rank of corporal. He was honorably discharged August 12, 1865.

After Mr. Firestone returned home he learned the turner's trade, at Fredericksburg, and after coming to Akron, in 1869, he worked as a turner, being connected for ten years with the W. B. Doyle Company. For one and one-half years he was employed by the Simon Hankey Company, and later, for the same period, by the Baker-McMillan Company. In 1882 he returned to his old home in Fredericksburg, where he engaged in a lumber business and planing mill for eight and one-half years, and subsequently worked with the Gobeille Pattern Company, of Cleveland, for one year, and with the firm of Slater and Taft for one year. Mr. Firestone then returned to Akron and was associated with Andrew Jackson in a lumber business, later was with the Akron Gymnasium Company for a year, and was with Hiram Henry for one and one-half years. After retiring from that line of work, Mr. Firestone went into the hotel business, for ten years having charge of the Windsor Hotel. In June, 1906, he took charge of the Empire Hotel, the leading one at Akron.

In 1874 Mr. Firestone was married to Nellie Hanson, who is a daughter of Peter Hanson, and they have one son, G. Forrest. The latter was born at Akron in 1876, and after graduating from the Akron High School, spent one term at Buchtel College, and three years in the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating at the latter institution in 1898. Since then he has been in the active practice of law at Akron and is a member of the Summit County Bar Association. In 1904 he was married to Ruth E. Loomis, who is a daughter of H. E. Loomis, of Akron. He belongs to the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity, is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows.

T. L. Firestone is a valued member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

THOMAS PORTER RITCHIE, a representative agriculturist of Stow Township, who resides on his 110-acre farm, was born on his present property in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 27, 1859, and is a son of George Grier and Katherine (Shannon) Ritchie.

William Ritchie, the grandfather of Thomas P., was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and died in 1825, when comparatively a young man. He left a widow, formerly Isabella Grier, and in 1834 she came to America with her children, settling first in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, and later removing to Boston Township, where she died. In Ireland Mr. Ritchie's family belonged to the Church of the Covenant, but after coming to America they became members of the United Presbyterian Church. Five children were born to William Ritchie and his wife, namely: William, Martha, Margaret, George G. and Alexander.

George Grier Ritchie was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in February, 1823, and was eleven years old when the family came to America. With his brother, Alexander, who now resides at Akron, he purchased the farm now owned by Thomas P. Ritchie, then a tract of 200 acres. Later he became the purchaser of this property and added, from time to time, until he was the owner of 312 acres. Mr. Ritchie was engaged in sheep raising principally until the cheese industry became more profitable, when he engaged in dairy farming, and at one time kept as many as fifty cows. He was a Prohibitionist and a great Abolitionist, and, although physical infirmity prevented him from serving in the Union ranks during the Civil War, he gave $500 to

the cause. George G. Ritchie married Katherine Shannon, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Thomas Shannon. Six children were born to this union: Maria, who married Charles Ritchie, of Weyauwega, Wisconsin; Thomas Porter; W. Shannon, who resides at Corona, California; James, who resides in Stow Township; Mary, who married Will Sauder, of Ravenna, Ohio; and George, who resides at Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Ritchie is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, while her children are connected with the United Presbyterian.

Thomas Porter Ritchie grew up on the homestead, and was educated in the common schools. With the exception of two years spent on an Iowa farm, he has always resided here, and he now raises hay, wheat, oats and corn, on about fifty acres. He keeps nine cows, and is also engaged in dealing in calves, which he buys all over the country, shipping them to Cleveland. Mr. Ritchie is a Democrat in politics, but he has never sought office.

Mr. Ritchie was married to Carrie Deming, who is a daughter of George Deming, of Durant, Iowa, and they have six children, namely: J. Clayton, Leland A., Carlton W., George Deming, Nathan L. and Clark G.

E. S. DAY, vice-president of the National City Bank of Akron, and a prominent business citizen here of thirty years standing, was born in 1852, at Binghamton, New York, and to his native state he owes his liberal education.

Prior to coming to Akron, in 1877, Mr. Day was interested in business at Binghamton, and since coming to this section has been engaged in the wholesale liquor business, in point of years being the oldest merchant in the city. He has done an extensive business in dealing in real estate and is a large property owner. For the past five years he has been vice-president of the National City Bank, and he is on the directing board of the Central Savings Bank. His other interests here are varied and numerous.

In the state of New York Mr. Day was married to Lizzie Foster, and their children are: Rose, who married Will Christy; and Maud, who married George Memmer.

Mr. Day is a good citizen in all that the word implies. He has been closely identified with the material growth of Akron and her enterprises and has always been concerned in promoting her best interests. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

B. G. WORK, president of the B. F. Goodrich Company, of Akron, which controls one of the largest manufacturing plants in this section of the state, was born in the state of New York, in 1868.

Mr. Work's boyhood, up to twelve years, was spent in his native place, and there his preliminary education was secured. In 1880 he came to Akron and subsequently attended Williston Seminary, at Easthampton, Massachusetts, and then entered Yale College. After completing his education he took up practical work with the Goodrich Company, starting in as a clerk and climbing step by step until he became superintendent of the plant and served as such for twelve years, when he succeeded Mr. Corson as vice president, and on January 1, 1907, he succeeded Col. George T. Perkins as president.

In June, 1900, Mr. Work was married to Marian Sawyer, of New York city, and they have one son, Bertram.

EDWARD RUSSELL PECK, one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, who owns a fine farm of 125 acres, was born October 7, 1836, in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of William Hall and Lydia (Bradley) Peck.

Rufus Peck, the grandfather of Edward Russell, was born in Newtown, Connecticut, but in his later years removed to Streetsboro, Ohio, where he resided until his death, March 6, 1848. He married Sallie Hall, and to them were born the following children: Chloe, who married Abel Dibble; Lyman, born December 26, 1891; William Hall, born July 23, 1803; John N., born March 15, 1805; Nancy P., born July 20, 1809, married George

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Bradley; Clara, born March 1, 1810, married (first) Jacob Mayhew, and (second) John Foster; Sarah Ann, born May 30, 1812; Russell, born October 7, 1814; Henry, born June 17, 1817; Nathan, born July 17, 1819; and Horace, born March 2, 1822.

William Hall Peek was born in Newtown, Connecticut, where he learned the trade of carpenter, but on coming to Ohio, in 1834, he purchased a farm in Hudson Township, on which he resided until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a captain in the state militia. Mr. Peck was married to Lydia Bradley, who was a daughter of Stephen Bradley, and they had four children: Sarah Ann, who married E. S. Beardsley, of Cleveland, Ohio; Stephen, born in 1834, who died in 1869; Edward Russell; and Joseph, who died in Cleveland. Mrs. Peck passed away in 1869 at the age of sixty years.

Edward Russell Peck was reared in Hudson Township, and, in 1863, he purchased the home farm, on which he resided several years. In 1860 he bought his present property, a tract of 125 acres, on which he has since carried on general and dairy farming, and in 1894 erected a fine residence. He is known as one of the township's good, practical farmers, and as a citizen his reputation is beyond reproach.

Mr. Peck was married to Maria V. Talcott, daughter of Hezekiah and Betsey Talcott, residents of Stow Township, and their children are the following: Nora, who married J. D. Ritchie, lives in Akron; William H., born September 20, 1869, resides at home; and Gertrude L., who is the wife of Warner Hutchison, resides in Chicago.

AMOS A. ROTHROCK, farmer and township trustee of Portage Township, spent twenty-nine years as an educator, teaching with much success in different sections. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, November 3, 1851, and is a son of Samuel and Catharine (Stauffer) Rothrock.

The parents of Mr. Rothrock were both born near Lebanon, Pennsylvania, but were married in Stark County, Ohio. In 1853 they moved to Copley Township, Summit County, where Samuel Rothrock bought a farm of 160 acres. On this place he died in 1879. His widow survived until 1901.

Amos A. Rothrock was reared on the farm in Copley Township. He was a studious boy and in the local schools prepared himself for teaching. Before he entered upon his university career, he had already taught the district schools for nine winters, devoting his summers to work on the farm. He then entered Otterbein University, near Columbus, Ohio, where he completed his education June 11, 1885. Four years of training at college had prepared him for a prominent place in the educational field, and when he was offered the superintendency of the Mogadore schools, he accepted and remained for one year. After an interval of one year at Dover Academy he spent another year at Mogadore. He then taught for two years at West Richfield, one year in the Akron High School, and two years in the Copley High School, and then spent two more years at Mogadore. A period of twenty-nine years is a long time, but it has been a season of great enjoyment to Mr. Rothrock and of inestimable benefit to those who have come under his instruction, and it is with pleasure that he sees so many of his old pupils occupying positions of responsibility and prominence in different walks of life.

In 1901, Mr. Rothrock retired from educational work and moved to his finely-improved farm at Fairlawn, just west of Akron. He then resumed farming for the first time since his youth. He takes an active interest in local affairs, the greater part of his life having been passed in this section, perhaps all of it, with the exception of a year during which he was principal of Dover Academy, which is situated within 100 miles of Chicago, Illinois. He is known to all his fellow citizens and has a wide circle of friends. Politically he is a Republican and is now serving his third term as township trustee.

In 1892 Mr. Rothrock was married, first, to Ada Swigart, of West Richfield, and they had one son, Stanley, who was born in Por-

tage County, Ohio, October 17, 1898. Mrs. Rothrock died in February, 1904, and Mr. Rothrock was married, second, in April, 1905, to Harriet E. Stone. He is a member of the Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church of Akron. He is a man of sterling character and in every sense a representative citizen.

J. FRANK TEEPLE, one of Akron's well known business men, who does a large real estate and collection business, with offices in the Walsh Block, was born in Franklin Township, Summit Couty, Ohio, in 1866, and is a son of Aaron Teeple, who was a substantial citizen of that section.

J. Frank Teeple was mainly educated in a select school at Copley, and this was supplemented by a business course under O. S. Warner, after which he became interested in the grocery line, in which he continued for sixteen years, during nine of these for other parties and seven years for himself. After selling out his grocery interests, Mr. Teeple started a collection agency and also went into the real estate business, having a valuable allotment on West Market Street. He handles a considerable amount of his own property, and among his fellow citizens is considered a man of his word and of most excellent business judgment.

In February, 1892, Mr. Teeple was married to Minnie M. Howes. He is a first-class citizen and takes an active part in all local affairs, lending his influence in support of public-spirited measures on all occasions. He is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Modern Woodmen.

A. W. BENNAGE, a leading business citizen of Akron, and a member of the firm of George A. Botzum Company, dealers in dry goods and ready-to-wear garments, has been a resident of this city for a quarter of a century and belongs to an old pioneer family of the county. He was born in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1861, and is a son of John and Mary (Whitted) Bennage.

The late John Bennage was a son of Jacob Bennage, who settled near Mogadore, about 1828. During the early business life of John Bennage, he was engaged in the manufacturing of stoneware, but after settling in Bath Township, he engaged in farming. He had ten children, and eight of these still survive.

A. W. Bennage was reared and educated in Bath Township and remained on the home farm until he was twenty years of age, when he went into the lumber business, and bought and cut timber through Ohio and Michigan, and manufactured lumber for twenty-three years. He was in partnership with W. F. Averill, under the firm name of Bennage & Averill for seventeen years. In 1904 Mr. Bennage became associated with George A. Botzum, in the establishing of the firm of the George A. Botzum Company, which occupies a prominent place in the commercial activities of Akron.

In 1880 Mr. Bennage was married to Sarah Averill, who was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of William Averill.

Mr. Bennage is one of Akron's representative citizens and has been identified with many of the movements which have encouraged her growth and increased her prestige.

JAMES B. PAULUS, general farmer and dairyman, residing on his farm of eighty acres, situated in Stow Township, was born in Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, April 10, 1853, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Brouse) Paulus.

The Paulus family came originally to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and the grandfather of James B. settled in Portage County, a little east of Mogadore, at a place called Horseheaven, and there William Paulus was reared and there followed the trade of blacksmith. For forty years he served acceptably as a justice of the peace and from his business and the just emoluments of office, he accumulated a competency and retired at the age of fifty years. Politically, he was a Democrat. Fraternally, he was a Mason. He married Rebecca Brouse, who was born in Stark County, and they had the following children: Mary,

deceased, who was the wife of George Gethman, residing at Kent; Urias, who died in the army during the Civil War, having enlisted at the age of seventeen years; Isaac, residing at Canton, Ohio; James B. and Jane, twins, the latter of whom married Louis Newbar, of Akron; Jefferson, residing at Kent; Chloe, who married Daniel Swartz, residing in Suffield Township, Portage County. The father of the above family died in May, 1895, and the mother in December, 1905, the former aged seventy years, and the latter, seventy-nine years. The mother of Mr. Paulus was a consistent member of the Lutheran Reformed Church.

James B. Paulus grew up on the home farm and until fifteen years of age, more or less regularly attended the district schools, then hired out at farm work by the month. When he was twenty years old he rented a farm in Suffield Township, which he operated for two years, when he married, and in 1875, came to Stow Township, Summit County. He purchased his present farm of Horace Moon, and has all of it under cultivation, together with fifty-five additional acres, which he rents. He raises his own grain and hay, and for some years devoted a great deal of space to potatoes. He runs a dairy business with fourteen cows, disposing of his milk at Kent, and he also keeps about five head of horses. Mr. Paulus has done a great deal of improving on this property. He found no better accommodations than an old log cabin and in the first year he built a part of his present comfortable residence, which he completed in 1904, in the meanwhile erecting substantial barns and putting up good fences.

Mr. Paulus was married to Caroline Hively, who died July 15, 1907. She was a most estimable lady, a devoted wife and mother and a kind friend to all who brought their troubles to her. She was the mother of six children, namely: Charles, deceased; Ada, who died aged twenty-three years; Edwin, who died aged fourteen years; Willard, residing at home; Theresa, deceased, who married Henry Brown; and Edna, residing at home.

In politics, Mr. Paulus is identified with the Democratic party. He is not an office-seeker, but consents to serve in local positions when called upon, and for many terms has been township supervisor.

JACOB LAPP, proprietor of the Lapp cooperage plant, located at No. 1120 East Market Street, is a representative citizen of Akron, where he has lived since 1870. He was born in 1843, at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Margaret Lapp.

The father of Mr. Lapp, who was born in Germany, emigrated to America, and in 1840 settled at Cuyahoga Falls, where he carried on a cooperage business. Of his seven children the six survivors are as follows: John and Jacob, both residing at Akron; Louisa, wife of Ezra Spellman, of Akron; Elizabeth, wife of William Eves, residing at Akron; William, a resident of Akron; and Hattie (Mrs. Douglass), also residing at Akron.

Jacob Lapp was educated in the public schools of his native place, and learned the trade of cooper, working for many years according to the methods in vogue before cooperage machinery was invented. He made many of the barrels formerly used by the Standard Oil Company. Later he associated his son with him in business and in 1883 they established the plant at its present location in Akron, where a very large business is now carried on. Staves are shipped to this plant by the carload from all parts of the United States. Mr. Lapp owns a stave factory himself, which is situated at Woodside. He also owns four other cooper shops located in Orrville, one in Columbus, another in Toledo, and still another in Kent, Ohio. These several plants give employment to about 100 men. Barrels of all kinds are manufactured, and the name of Lapp gives evidence of their superior quality.

On July 8, 1863, Mr. Lapp was married to Frances E. Rice and they have the following children: Fred M., who is associated in business with his father, married Sarah Rothrock, and has two children, Harry and Claytus; Harry J., managing a branch cooper shop

at Toledo, married Elizabeth Furness; Alma and Grace E., both residing in Akron, the former of whom is the wife of August Manthey, a molder by occupation; and the latter, wife of Charles Smith, captain of Fire Department No. 2, of Akron.

Fraternally, Jacob Lapp is an Odd Fellow, while Fred M. is identified with the Knights of Pythias. They both are men of high standing commercially and belong to the progressive, reliable class of citizens to which Akron owes much of its prosperity.

HARRY BROWN MILLS, proprietor of the Kleanit Manufacturing Company, at Akron, is one of the city's native successful business men and representative citizens. He was born in 1867, at Akron, Ohio, and belongs to a old pioneer family of this section.

Ithel Mills, the grandfather of Harry B., was born in New York, and was a pioneer of resourceful and enterprising character. He located in Summit County at a very early day and he built the old county court-house. He married Emily Spicer, who was a daughter of Major Minor Spicer, who was the first settler of Akron, and one of Summit County's prominent men in his day. The late William H. Mills, the father of H. B., was born at Akron, where his life was spent. He married Alice S. Brown, a daughter of Charles W. Brown, the Browns being also old Summit County settlers.

Harry B. Mills was reared and educated in his native place. Early in his business career he conducted a grocery, but for the past sixteen years he has been interested in his present manufacturing business. The introduction of his product, Kleanit, met with success from the start, and in face of all competition, has been accepted as the best article of its kind ever put on the market. It has required comparatively little advertising, proving its merits wherever used. Mr. Mills has a constantly increasing business which now extends over a large territory. He is located at No. 1009 South High Street, Akron.

In 1890 Mr. Mills was married to Carrie L. Smith, who was born at Clinton, Ohio. Her father was George Smith, a well-known citizen of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have three children—Ruth, Paul and Mildred. Mr. Mills belongs to the First Christian Church at Akron.

CHARLES EDWARD HANSON, residing on his finely-improved farm of 124 acres, in Stow Township, is one of this section's representative agriculturists. Mr. Hanson was born August 24, 1855, in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Richard and Susanna (Briggs) Hanson.

Richard Hanson was born August 10, 1827, in the town of Whapwood, Lincolnshire, England, and was there married. He came to this country with his children, and immediately afterward engaged in the wagon-making business, with his brother Charles, under the firm name of Hanson Brothers, later becoming sole proprietor. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Stow Township, which he cultivated until his retirement from active farm work, when he removed to Hudson Township, and there his death occurred in his seventy-fifth year. Originally a Whig, Mr. Hanson later became a Republican, but he never aspired to political office. He was married to Susanna Briggs, who was born in 1828, and to them there were born the following children: Charles Edward; Richard and Hewson, of Stow Township; Thomas Henry, of Hudson Township; William George and James, of Stow Township; Mary Susanna and Charlotte, both of Hudson Township; and Albert David. The family belong to the Episcopal Church.

Charles Edward Hanson resided in Hudson Township until he was eleven years old, at which time his parents came to Stow Township, and here he worked on the farm until 1880, at which time he purchased his present 124-acre tract, which he has cultivated to the present time. He also manages twenty-four acres belonging to his sister-in-law. He devotes considerable attention to cattle-raising and has from twenty to twenty-five head. He ships milk to the condensing milk factory, at Kent, Ohio. Mr. Hanson recently remod-

cled his home, which now includes twelve rooms and a bath, and built his present barns, one being a combined horse-barn and wagon-house 30 by 60 feet, with 18-foot posts, and the other 58 by 60 feet, with 22-foot posts, for his stock, and, in addition, has a fine granary, 20 by 28 feet. He keeps his buildings in the best of condition, and his farm in general presents a fine appearance.

Mr. Hanson was married to Orrie Stewart, who was a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Stewart, of Stow Township. She died in 1896, aged thirty-eight years, having been the mother of six children, namely: Rose E., Zena, Charles Frederick, Abigail I., Thomas S. and Eddie, the latter of whom died aged seven years. In his political views, Mr. Hanson is a Republican, and he has filled the offices of school director and supervisor, and been township trustee for sixteen years.

JULIUS OSCAR WILLIAMSON, one of Stow Township's leading citizens, resides on his well-equipped farm of 186 acres, which he devotes to general farming and dairying. Mr. Williamson was born in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, on the farm he now owns, March 14, 1846, and is a son of Palmer and Amy (Horton) Williamson.

Palmer Williamson was born in Westchester County, New York, October 9, 1802, and died April 30, 1883. From the age of sixteen years he was entirely dependent upon his own efforts, and from poverty and through many hardships he climbed to affluence also, and gained the respect and confidence of all who came within his sphere. In his youth he worked on the docks and engaged in lumbering. In 1823 he secured a position as shipping clerk at Poughkeepsie, where he continued for three years, doing the hardest kind of dock work. After his marriage in 1827, he settled down to farming and this continued his main occupation during the rest of his life. Prior to coming to Ohio he kept a tavern for one year at Goshen, New York. In the spring of 1831, he brought his family to Tallmadge Township, Ohio, but three years later settled in Stow Township, where he invested his capital in a farm of eighty acres. With the help of a frugal, industrious wife, he achieved success and became a man of ample fortune. His life proved the value of industry, temperance and perseverance, and while it presented no heroic qualities, its unselfishness and general well-doing left its beneficient influence on his family and community.

In 1827 Palmer Williamson was married to Amy Horton and they had the following children: Mary, Horton, Bradner, Susan, Jane, Aldrette and Julius Oscar. The mother died September 27, 1879, aged seventy-six years.

Julius Oscar Williamson found life much easier in his boyhood than did his father, and he was afforded fair opportunities in the way of education. After graduating from the High School at Cuyahoga Falls, he attended Hiram College, and for the subsequent eight years taught school through the winter seasons, and gave his father assistance on his farm and in the dairy during the summers. In 1865 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company D, 198th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, contracting for two years, but actually serving but five weeks, on account of the happy termination of the great struggle, and he was honorably discharged on May 8, 1865.

Mr. Williamson is an intelligent, practical farmer and dairyman, who successfully employs modern methods in the conduct of his business. His dairy requires twenty cows to keep up the necessary supply of milk, and he devotes from eighteen to twenty acres of his land to corn, the same to wheat, and from fifteen to twenty acres to oats, and some six acres to potatoes. His silo is fourteen feet square. His dwelling is substantial and everything about the farm gives testimony to careful management. Formerly Mr. Williamson was a member of the local Grange, and has always been interested in the agricultural development of his section.

On February 21, 1875, Mr. Williamson was married to Rozetta Z. White, who is a daughter of H. J. White, of Ravenna, and

the have had six children, namely: Henry J., residing at Stow Corners, married Ruth Gaylord, of Stow, and they have three children, Valda, H. Julius and Gaylord; Homer E., operating the home farm with his father, married Alice Nickerson, of Stow, and they have one child, Arlene; Don P., residing at Stow Corners, married Jessie Durbin; Arba G., residing at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Earl C. and Amy A., residing at home. The family belong to the Church of Christ, in which Mr. Williamson is an elder, and formerly was superintendent of the Sunday School. He is a thoughtful man who casts his vote as his judgment advises. For many years he has held local office, serving as township trustee and supervisor and also as a useful member of the School Board. His father was a Mason, having joined the fraternity in New York, but Mr. Williamson is not identified with any secret society.

W. LEWIS SHOEMAKER, president of the Day Drug Company, a large retail drug organization of Akron, is one of the leading business men of the city. He was born October 10, 1869, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-three years he left the home farm on which he had been reared and began work as clerk in a drug store, being thus employed first at Cumberland, Maryland, and later at Wheeling, West Virginia. In April, 1899, Mr. Shoemaker came to Akron and engaged in a drug business. In November, 1905, The Day Drug Company was incorporated, with a capital stock of $15,000. Its officers are: W. Lewis Shoemaker, president and treasurer, and Sallie B. Shoemaker, secretary, which officials, together with Mark Gair and Scott Housekeeper, constitute a board of directors. The business, entirely retail, is in a very prosperous condition. In addition to his drug interests, Mr. Shoemaker is a stockholder and a director in the Dollar Savings Bank, and is also interested in Akron real estate. In December, 1890, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Sallie Bradley, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters, Mary and Blanche. Mr. Shoemaker is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to the Masonic club.

LUCIUS C. MILES, vice-president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, is a leading citizen of Akron, whose activities have been directed along both business and political lines. He was born at Brookline, Massachusetts.

In 1870 Mr. Miles came to Akron and completed his education in the Akron High School. He entered into busines in partnership with Charles Dick, and they dealt in grain for a period of six years. He became identified with other business enterprises and subsequently was elected president of the Akron Cereal Company, which was merged with the Great Western Cereal Company in 1901. Mr. Miles is on the directing board of the above company, and is also vice-president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Mr. Miles married Harriet M. Seiberling, who is a daughter of John F. Seiberling. Mr. Miles has been an active citizen and to such a degree that in 1895, he was elected treasurer of Akron and of Summit County, was re-elected in 1896, and served for four years. Personally he is a man of business honor and of social standing.

CHARLES S. SPANGLER, a representative business man of Clinton, Ohio, who is dealing in general merchandise, was born on the old Spangler home farm in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, April 24, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Caroline (Smith) Spangler.

David Spangler, the grandfather of Charles S., came to Ohio from Adams County, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Elizabeth (Boety) Spangler, and settled north of Clinton on a farm still in possession of the family, where the rest of their lives was spent. Their children were: Joseph, John, David, Ephraim, Henry, Jane and Elizabeth.

Joseph Spangler father of Charles S., was born on the home place in Franklin Township, and grew up on the farm which he

helped to clear. Mr. Spangler now lives a retired life at Akron, but still owns a farm in Franklin Township. He was married, first, to Caroline Smith, a native of Franklin Township and daughter of Daniel Smith, who came from Pennsylvania and settled as a pioneer in Ohio. There were ten children born to Joseph and Caroline Spangler, of whom six died in infancy. Those who reached mature years were: Adam G.; John, now deceased; Charles S.; and Jennie C., who married O. W. Baum. After Mrs. Spangler's death, Mr. Spangler married for his second wife Adeline Hoy, who was born in South Perry, Hocking County, Ohio. Three children were born of this union—David E., Irving H., and Joseph G.

Charles S. Spangler attended the district schools in boyhood, and worked on his father's farm until 1893, when he located in Clinton and went into partnership with P. M. Frase in a general store. After ten years of successful business dealings this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Spangler purchasing Mr. Frase's interests, and since that time he has carried on the business alone. Here he handles a fine line of general stock, while at Turkeyfoot Lake, where he established a branch store in 1906, he carries fancy and staple groceries.

On October 3, 1881, Mr. Spangler was married to Eleanor H. Whitmyer, who was born in Franklin Township, on her father's farm, and is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Haring) Whitmyer. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler have been the parents of four children—G. Howard, a graduate of Buchtel College; Clinton Grover; Charles Russell; and Elizabeth Beatrice. Mr. Spangler is a member of the order of Maccabees, and in politics is a Democrat. He belongs to the Christian Church, in which he is an elder, and his son Howard deacon and superintendent of the Sunday School.

LUTHER KESLEY RANNEY, fruit grower and farmer, residing on his highly-cultivated farm of fifty acres, in Boston Township, was born in Summit County, Ohio, August 19, 1856, and is a son of Luther B. and Caroline (Clapp) Ranney.

The Ranney family is one of the oldest in America and has produced many famous men and women. The ancestral line may be traced to one Thomas Raney, who came to the colonies from Scotland, subsequent members adding the other letters which make the name as it now stands. The original settler, Thomas had a son, also Thomas, whose son Nathaniel, was the great-great-grandfather of Luther Kelsey Ranney. Nathaniel Ranney (1) died in 1766.

Nathaniel Ranney (2), the great-grandfather, died in 1800, leaving a son, Comfort Ranney, who came as one of the earliest settlers to Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, from a place which is now known as Cromwell, Connecticut. Luther K. Ranney has in his possession a wooden bottle, holding a gallon of liquid, which was made in the days of the French and Indian Wars, which was carried by Comfort Ranney, and which his father had used during the Revolutionary War. It is said that on one occasion the great General Washington accepted a draught from its contents.

Comfort Ranney was born March 20, 1788. His wife, Betsey Hubbard, to whom he was married in 1808, accompanied him to Ohio. He was a ship-builder by trade. He located first at Hudson, but soon afterward removed to Cleveland, where he later acquired a large amount of land which subsequently became valuable, but, unfortunately for his descendants, not before it had passed out of his possession. He returned to Hudson and operated a sawmill, and after it was destroyed by fire, in 1820, he moved to Boston Township, purchasing the farm on which Luther K. Ranney resides. He died July 14, 1823. His widow subsequently married William Collier, and died January 4, 1868, aged seventy-eight years. There were two sons born to her second marriage, M. J. and Fred M. Collier, both of whom made brilliant records during the Civil War. Both are deceased.

When Comfort Ranney died, it seemed necessary to part with the homestead farm.

This loss was keenly felt by his son, Luther B. Ranney, who was then a youth of fourteen years. He determined to regain possession of the old home and immediately accepted a proposition made by a neighboring farmer named Deacon Hudson. This was that Mr. Ranney should receive the sum of five dollars a month for his service for a specified time, while Mr. Hudson should take up a pending mortgage and thus give Mr. Ranney's mother, brothers and sisters a home. Mr. Ranney continued to work for Mr. Hudson until he was twenty-one years of age, gradually being able to command more pay, and he lived to see his commendable ambition satisfied, becoming the proud owner of the old farm on the State road. While in Mr. Hudson's employ, he hauled a portion of the brick for building the Western Reserve College.

The farm now contains eighty acres, Mr. Ranney having added a few acres to the original tract after it came into his possession. He was a man of great firmness and determination. Naturally gifted with a fine understanding, he would doubtless have made his mark had he been afforded educational advantages. As it was, he overcame difficulties that would have discouraged an ordinary man, took a leading part in the life of his community, and as an exemplary Christian, set an example. He never united with any religious body, but was a great student of the *Bible,* reading it with a broad sense of its meaning, such as he could never find included in the tenents of any church. In all things moral and temperate he was praiseworthy, and so lived that his fellow-citizens commended him and pointed him out as an example to the rising generation. In his political life he supported measures and candidates who could show their substantial claims to recognition, but in no sense was he ever a politician, and the only office he ever held was that of township trustee. He was born November 28, 1809.

In 1833, Luther B. Ranney was married (first) to Salley M. Carter, who died July 29, 1846, leaving the following children: Martha, who died aged eighteen years; Mary deceased, married Willis Leach; Comfort, residing at Lansing, Michigan; Harriet Sophia, who died in 1907, was the second wife of Willis Leach; and Sarah M., residing with her half-brother, Luther K. Ranney. On April 6, 1847, Luther B. Ranney was married (second) to Caroline Clapp, who was born May 3, 1821, and died May 26, 1895. She was a daughter of Rev. Richard and Anna (Alvord) Clapp, of Northampton, Massachusetts. There were three children born to the second union, namely: Julia Ann, who married John Criss, residing at South Frankfort, Michigan; Luther Kelsey; and Carrie M., who married William H. Evans, residing at Akron. The family always has resided on the farm, with the exception of three years when they lived at Akron, coming to the city in order to provide better educational facilities for the children. During the early western gold discoveries, in 1850, Luther B. Ranney went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and was absent for four years, engaged in mining, and met with success.

Luther Kelsey Ranney attended the district schools until he was seventeen years old, when he accompanied the family to Akron, where he entered the preparatory department of Buchtel College. There he worked hard, crowding the studies of three years so that he completed the preparatory course in two years. He then entered the classical department of the college, taking the course but not completing it, at the same time doing a large amount of extra work on the farm. He was especially proficient in Greek and Latin, and this led the faculty to urge on him the project of fitting himself for a professorship in languages. Mr. Ranney would have found in professional life, especially in this line, much that was congenial, but he had to consider the failing health of his parents and the need they had of his strength, judgment, and services on the farm, and he speedily settled the matter, by putting aside his own personal desires, and returning to Boston Township.

On the homestead farm he carries on a general line of agriculture and makes the growing of fruit a specialty. His peach or-

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chards have particularly interested him, and he raises a large amount of all varieties of fine fruit and berries. His fruit stock has been scientifically selected, and under his fostering care produces in abundance. Formerly, he did some trucking. He keeps about fifteen head of cattle and ships his milk to Cleveland.

Mr. Ranney married Mary M. Ozman, who was a daughter of Abraham Neuman Ozman, of Boston Township, and they had three children: Luther Carroll, Neuman Clinton and Caroline Eliza. Mrs. Ranney was formerly a member of the Congregational Church at Hudson and a leader in Sunday-school work. Her death, which occurred July 27, 1897, removed a woman of most lovely Christian character from her home and community. Politically, Mr. Ranney is an Independent Democrat. He retains his membership in the *Delta Tau Delta* Greek letter fraternity of Buchtel College. He has a magnificient library of over 1,000 carefully selected volumes, and when other interests fail, Mr. Ranney can generally be found finding pleasure and recreation in his books, toward which his natural inclinations have always led.

JOHN T. FISHER, a member of the firm of Fisher Brothers, lumber dealers and manufacturers of doors, sash and blinds, at Akron, was born in Portage County, Ohio, in 1859, where he was reared and secured a district school education. In early manhood Mr. Fisher learned the carpenter trade and learned it so thoroughly that for twenty-six years his work was in demand in every section he lived in, and it has all stood the test of time. He became a somewhat noted builder of bank barns, his record being of sixty-two of these substantial structures. The one he erected for W. G. Hays & Son, near Ravenna, was 200 feet long and 50 wide, with 32-foot posts, being the largest barn ever built in this section of the country. He also erected numerous residences of different styles of architecture. For four years he was interested in a lumber business at Kent and came to Akron in 1901, where, in association with his brother Philip, his partner, he erected the planing mill and lumber plant at No. 945 South High Street. The firm of Fisher Brothers do an extensive business and personally they stand high in public esteem.

In 1887 Mr. Fisher was married to Mary Knapp, of Suffield, Portage County, Ohio, and they have three children, namely: Jennie, Edith and Esther. The eldest daughter was educated in the schools at Kent and Akron, and after graduating from the Akron Business College, became bookkeeper for the firm of Fisher Brothers and is a very capable young lady. Mr. Fisher and family belong to St. Bernard's Church.

LUCIUS V. BIERCE, who has resided on his valuable farm of over 100 acres, situated in Tallmadge Township, for the past thirty-two years, is a member of a family which has made the name one of distinction in Ohio, ever since it journeyed down the Connecticut Valley to the Western Reserve. Lucius V. Bierce was born June 2, 1827, in Athens County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Harriet (Hineman) Bierce.

For seven years the grandfather of Lucius V. Bierce fought in the Patriot army, in the Revolutionary War. The first of the family concerning whom reliable records have been found, was James Bierce, who was born in England prior to 1730, and who emigrated and settled at Halifax, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, his son, Hezekiah Bierce being born on May 25th of that year. The latter married Deborah Sturtevant, who was born January 23, 1732, and they were the great-grandparents of Lucius V. Bierce.

William Bierce, son of Hezekiah and Deborah Bierce, was born at Plymouth, Massachusetts, March 26, 1753, and he married Abigail Bell, who was born October 2, 1754. In April, 1775, William Bierce enlisted in the Continental army, in which he served until honorably discharged in November, 1783. He belonged to Colonel Herman Swift's regiment of Connecticut troops sent immediately after his enlistment, to Ticonderoga. This was then considered, as it truly was, an outpost of civilization, and with the rank of orderly

sergeant, William Bierce did good service here as at other points, participating in the battles of Monmouth, White Plains and Fort George, and starving with his comrades through the dreadful winter at Valley Forge. No better proof of the strenuous life these patriots led in those stormy times, can be found than the fact that when Sergeant Bierce left the army, every superior officer of his company had either been killed or died from hardship. Another unhappy condition was that the soldiers were paid in money that at the end of the war was not negotiable, and for his seven years of faithful service, William Bierce found himself possessed of a bunch of script, of no use except as playthings for his children. He came to Nelson, Ohio, an old man, and his death occurred there. Early in life he was a miller. His grandson, Lucius V. Bierce, preserves the old veteran's powder horn, of which he made good use at Ticonderoga, in 1775, and which he carried during his seven years of service. Mr. Bierce also treasures a title deed to property, which was given his grandfather in 1803, which bears the signature of Thomas Jefferson, as President of the United States, and of James Madison, Secretary of State.

The children born to William and Abigail Bierce were the following: Lucretia, who was born July 30, 1787, died March 10, 1847, and became the mother of Judge Robert F. Paine, of Cleveland; Hannah, who was born March 2, 1789, married Jeremiah Fuller and died at Nelson, Portage County, where they lived; Columbus, who was born at Litchfield, Connecticut, March 8, 1791, became a physician, and moved to Athens, Ohio, and later to Circleville, in Pickaway County, where he died; William, father of Lucius V., was born in Connecticut, in 1793; Lucinda, who was born December 20, 1796, married Dr. Hopkins, of Nelson, Ohio, where she died; Marcus Aurelius, who was born in Litchfield County, Connecticut, August 16, 1799, settled at Nelson, Portage County, Ohio, where he was a merchant, but died in Indiana, and is survived by a son, Ambrose Bierce, who is an author, and Lucius V., who became so prominent in military life and so distinguished a citizen of Ohio.

General Bierce was born in the family home at Cornwall, Litchfield County, Connecticut, August 4, 1801, from which place he moved to Athens, Ohio, where he entered the Ohio University, from which he was graduated September 11, 1822. He then went to the South, starting for South Carolina, October 9, 1822, carrying his grip-sack in which, along with his clothing and small necessities, he had a splendid letter of indorsement to Robert J. Fennel, a lawyer at Yorkville, under whom he began the study of law, after he had recovered from his long walk to that point. In 1823, he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Alabama, to which State he had subsequently removed, and the whole course of his life might have been different had he not listened to the entreaties of his father to return and comfort the latter's declining years. Again strapping the grip-sack on his shoulders, the young man started on his homeward trip of 1,800 miles, and reached Ravenna, Portage County, in time to be admitted to the Ohio bar in 1824. In 1825, he was appointed district attorney, an office he creditably filled for eleven years, when he removed his activities to Akron. During 1837-8 he was prominently identified with the military operations along the border and had command of the forces at Fort Malden. He then returned to Akron and resumed the practice of law until the Mexican War broke out, in which he took an active part. Aside from his military record, had well-deserved notoriety for professional ability and literary accomplishment. One of the valuable results of his studies is found in the two volumes of Digest cases which he compiled and arranged in alphapetical order. He also wrote a comprehensive history of the Western Reserve. He was an authority on historical matters and this interest has descended to his nephew, Lucius V., who has been identified with the Tallmadge Historical Society since its organization, in 1858, has filled all its offices and is the only surviving member of its body of organizers. General Bierce was

prominent politically and served as mayor of Akron until he declined to longer hold the office. As early as 1853, he was elected grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, in Ohio.

William Bierce, father of Lucius V., was married (first) in 1818, at Athens, to Lucinda Culver, and they had two children: Mary N., who was born July 30, 1820, married Derastus Harper, and died when more than eighty years of age; and James Culver, who was born in 1822, and resides in California. The second wife of William Bierce was Harriet Hindman and they had two children, Elizabeth L. and Lucius V. Elizabeth L. Bierce was born in 1825, and is a resident of Tallmadge. She survives her husband, the late Spaulding Beach, with two children, Edward E. and Jessie. The latter resides with her mother. The former, Edward E. Beach, is manager of the Baldwin Piano Factory, at Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Lucius V. Bierce came from Athens County, Ohio, to Portage County, when two years of age. His education was secured in the schools of Ravenna, and in 1843, he came to Tallmadge, where he completed his education under Gov. Sidney Edgerton. Later he learned the carriage-trimming trade, commencing his apprenticeship in the Oviatt, Sperry Carriage Works, but in 1875, he turned his attention to farming, settling then on his present property, removing from Tallmadge Center, where he had previously lived. He has long been one of the township's leading citizens, taking an active part in its educational, religious and political life. In his early years he was a Democrat, but for the whole life of the Republican party, has upheld its principles. At various times he has served in township offices and always to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Bierce was married (first) to Delia Robinson, December 11, 1850, who died November 15, 1856. They had two children, Alice Delia and Edmond Lucius, the latter of whom was born November 3, 1856, and died June 4, 1857. Alice Delia Bierce was born December 4, 1851, and subsequently was married to A. E. Lyman, of the Lyman Lumber Company, of Akron. They have one son, Lucius Bierce Lyman, who married Laverne Bishop, of Medina County, Ohio, and they have one son, Richard.

Lucius V. Bierce was married (second) to Harriet H. Camp, who can claim kindred with a number of the oldest and most prominent families of New England. Mrs. Bierce was born in Tallmadge Township, and is a daughter of Martin and Sallie (Coe) Camp. Martin Camp was born at New Preston, Litchfield County, Connecticut, October 6, 1791, and came to Tallmadge in 1815. He resided at the home of his uncle, Asaph Whittlesey. He purchased 200 acres of land northeast of Tallmadge, which became very valuable. On March 28, 1816, he married Sallie Coe, who was born at Granville, Massachusetts, and accompanied her family who settled at Charleston, Ohio. She was a teacher at Charleston and Tallmadge Center. This marriage was the first one celebrated at Charleston, Portage County, Ohio.

Tracing the Coe branch of Mrs. Bierce's ancestry, it is found that Robert Coe lived at Litchfield at a very early date and died at Jamaica, New York, after 1687. He was a native of England, where he was born in 1596. His wife Anna was born in England in 1591 and died prior to 1674, at Jamaica, New York. They had three sons: John, born in 1626; Robert, born in 1627, and Benjamin, born in 1629. In June, 1634, they settled at Watertown, Massachusetts, and in 1635 removed to Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1641, to Stamford, in 1644, to Hempstead, New York, and in 1652, to Newton, New York, where the son John settled. Benjamin settled at Jamaica, New York, and there Robert Coe went in 1656. Robert, the second son, left his father at Stamford, Connecticut, in 1644, and went to Stratford, where he married Hannah Mitchell. Their son, John Coe (3), married Mary Hanley and lived at Stratford, where their fourth son, Ephraim Coe, was born. He removed to Durham, Connecticut, and later to Middletown. He married Hannah Miller and their son,

Samuel Coe, married Hope Hubbard and they removed to Granville, Massachusetts. Their son, Capt. David Coe, was born March 3, 1761, and died July 24, 1824. Captain Coe served in the Revolutionary War. He married Sarah Pratt, and in 1813, settled at Charlestown, where she died in July, 1828. Martin Camp died January 14, 1872, his wife having passed away September 17, 1850. They were pioneers in all the civilizing movements which benefitted the community.

The children of Martin Camp and wife were: Heman Coe, now aged eighty-four years, who resides at Mentor, Ohio, married Samantha Clark, of Lake County; Henry Newton, aged eighty-one years, married Celia Wright, daughter of Amos C. Wright, and resides with a daughter at Detroit, Michigan; Leroy, aged seventy-nine years, married Harriet Scott, of Tallmadge, and they reside at Cleveland; Mary Whittlesey, born in 1818, married Orestes Wright of Tallmadge, and died in February, 1883; Sarah C., born in 1821, married John Emery, of Philadelphia, and died October 29, 1895; and Harriet H., the youngest of the family, who is the wife of Lucius V. Bierce.

The children born to the second marriage of Lucius V. Bierce are the following, all prominent members of the communities in which the circumstances of life have placed them: Antoinette, born June 28, 1861, married Harry D. Reed of Weeping Water, Nebraska, and they have three children, Donald, Robert and Helen; Wallace Camp, born September 5, 1863, married Mollie Hoge, of Kearney, Nebraska, and they have three children, Alice, Bruce and Marion; Flora Elizabeth, born March 27, 1868, married Thomas J. Dee, of Chicago; Fannie Louise, born April 26, 1872, married Carlton B. Skinner, of Tallmadge, who died October 27, 1900, leaving one daughter. Charlotte Bierce and Henry Newell, born July 30, 1874, unmarried.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bierce have been members of the Congregational Church for the past fifty years and they are widely known for their practical Christianity. Since he was twenty-two years of age, Mr. Bierce has been connected with the Masonic fraternity, and has been a member of the local Grange since its organization.

H. J. EMERMAN, senior member of the firm of H. J. Emerman and Company, of Akron, wholesale dealers in iron, steel and metals, was born in Germany, in 1880, and is a son of Benjamin Emerman.

The father of Mr. Emerman engaged in a clothing business at Akron, after coming to the United States. Later he removed his business interests to Erie, Pennsylvania, and makes his home at Cleveland. H. J. Emerman attended school at Akron, after which he was engaged for eighteen months as a clerk in a grocery store, following which he served in the same capacity in his father's clothing store for two years. He then became a clerk for Emerman Brothers, who conducted a scrap iron business, and he continued eight years in that postition with the same firm. When new yards were opened at Cleveland, H. J. Emerman was placed in charge of the Akron branch, and in 1904, the old firm was succeeded by the present one. Mr. Emerman is interested in other Akron enterprises.

On February 16, 1904, Mr. Emerman was married to Bertha B. Louer, who is a daughter of Meyer Louer. Mr. Louer is now a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, but for a number of years he was in the clothing business at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Emerman have one son, Walter. They are members of High Street Temple, of the Akron Hebrew Congregation.

Fraternally, Mr. Emerman is identified with the Masons and the Elks. Socially, he belongs to the Kirkwood club.

FRANK BUTLER, who, in partnership with his brother, John Butler, has been cultivating their excellent farm of 150 acres, in Boston Township, since 1870, is one of the leading agriculturists of this section, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Brennan) Butler.

Thomas Butler was born in County Wex-

ford, Ireland, where he learned the trade of mason. After his marriage, he came to America and with his wife eight months later settled near Botzum, Northampton Township, Summit County. He worked at first on the old Clinton Air Line Railroad, but later purchased a farm of sixty acres, in Northampton Township. He was a very capable and industrious workman and built nearly all of the brick houses in his neighborhood, plastered hundreds of structures and built over 150 cellars in Peninsula alone. He married Catherine Brennan and they had eight children, namely: Frank, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Martha, Catherine and Christopher.

Frank Butler was educated in the common schools of Boston Township, and in his youth did much work in the woods at lumbering, this being a heavily timbered region at that time. In the spring of 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 188th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his services continued until the close of the war. His brother John Butler served in Company E, 124th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Chicamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. While on the march from Missionary Ridge to Knoxville, he was taken prisoner by the Confederates and was sent to Richmond, from whence he was removed to the prison at Belle Island, where he was kept for four months. It is stating the truth to say that while there, John Butler was nearly starved to death. He owes his life to a comrade, whose loyal friendship and persistent entreaty secured recognition from some Confederate officers of Mr. Butler's pitiable condition. Both Frank and John Butler were brave and gallant soldiers, the cheerful, faithful, hard-fighting kind of men that made the Northern forces invincible. Their war records are such as any man might well be proud to acknowledge.

In 1870, the Butler brothers purchased their present farm, of which seventy-five acres are under cultivation, being devoted to hay, wheat, corn and oats, in addition to which is an apple orchard of 100 trees. In 1877, a fine residence was built by Frank Butler, a substantial structure having ten rooms. Mr. Butler is a Republican in politics.

LOUIS R. MAY, secretary and treasurer of the Frantz-Body Company, one of Akron's large and important manufacturing concerns, was born in 1876, at Akron, and is a son of R. A. May, of this city.

Mr. May's happy boyhood was spent in study and play, in his native city, where he completed the High School course prior to taking a commercial course in a business college at Buffalo, New York, and later a general literary course at Buchtel College. For seven years he was connected with the Citizens National Bank, and when it was consolidated with the Second National Bank, he remained with the new organization for one year, and then came to the Frantz-Body Manufacturing Company, with which he has been identified ever since, becoming secretary and treasurer at the time of its reorganization, in 1904.

In January, 1905, Mr. May was married to Gertrude Wanamaker, who is a daughter of Hon. R. M. Wanamaker, of Akron.

Mr. May stands deservedly high among the business men of Akron.

JAMES SULLIVAN, a representative citizen of Boston Township, who owns an unusually fine farm, consisting of 151 acres, was born in County Clare, Ireland, August 14, 1847, and is a son of Michael and Bridget (Ryan) Sullivan.

Michael Sullivan, who was also a native of County Clare, Ireland, came to America in 1850, bringing his family with him, and in 1853 he purchased his first farm, which was in Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio. In 1865, he removed to a farm on the State Road, in Boston Township, where his death occurred when he was over eighty years of age. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Bridget Ryan, who was also born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1825, and died in 1889. They had five children: James; John, who is deceased; Delia, who resides at Hudson; Lawrence, who lives in Boston

Township; and Agnes, who also resides at Hudson.

James Sullivan went to school a part of a term in Boston Township, and the balance of his education was obtained at Twinsburg. He remained on his father's farm until twenty-six years of age, at which time he was married. Two years before marriage he purchased a farm, with his brother Lawrence, but in 1886 he sold his interest to his brother, and purchased his present property. At that time the land seemed barren, for not even a tree was growing on it, but Mr. Sullivan soon changed its appearance. He set out all of the beautiful shade trees which now are so thrifty, built an addition to the home then standing, improved all the buildings, and has a substantial barn 32x102 feet, with 18-foot posts, and built a silo 16x32x32 feet. He has made this one of the best farms in Boston Township. He cultivates about sixty-five acres, raising wheat, corn, oats and hay, and keeps about thirty head of cattle, disposing of his milk at Cleveland. Mr. Sullivan is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Grange at Darrowville. For the greater part of the past twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Education in Boston Township.

Mr. Sullivan was married to Mary McGuire, who is a daughter of John McGuire, of Solon, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. They have five children, namely: Charles A., who resides in Hudson Township, has one child, Mildred; Hugh A., who resides in Hudson Township; Laura, who married H. C. Robinson, of Cuyahoga Falls, has one child, Gladys Mary; Elsie, who married H. A. Wolcott of Macedonia, Ohio; and Lawrence C., who lives at home. Mrs. Sullivan is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and is active in church and charitable work.

CAPTAIN ADAM BOTZUM, one of the grand old men of Northampton Township, resided there for nearly a half century. He was born October 25, 1830, in Strasburg, Germany, and died in Summit County, Ohio, October 15, 1907, and is a son of John George and Katherine (Dragaser) Botzum.

John George Botzum was born in Germany in 1796, a son of John Botzum. He married Katherine Dragaser, who was born in 1796, in the village of Urmmerspach, Germany, whose parents removed to Poland when she was seven years old, and whom she never saw again, she making her home with relatives until her marriage. In 1836, John George Botzum and his family left home and traveled by ox-team to the nearest seaport, where they took passage on the vessel *Princessa* for the United States, arriving at New York, November 17, 1836. Here they met an agent who persuaded Mr. Botzum to agree to go to South America, where he was told that a fortune awaited him, but before arrangements were completed, Mr. Botzum discovered from the authorities that it was merely a scheme to get Mr. Botzum and his family to that country to be sold into slavery. Soon after the family took passage on a flat-boat to Albany, went thence by canal to Buffalo and by lake to Cleveland, where they stopped for a time on account of illness in the family, and on resuming their journey traveled upon an open flat-boat to Niles, from whence they made their way to Ghent, Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio. There Mr. Botzum secured his first employment, being engaged at digging on a mill race, at fifty cents per day. There the family continued to reside for two years, and while Mr. Botzum worked at digging, his wife went out into the wheat-fields, her gleaning the first season being eight bushels of nice wheat. The family then removed to Niles, where they remained for four years, and by the strictest economy and frugality were able at this time to purchase a farm in Northampton Township, where Mr. Botzum continued to live until his death in 1855. He and his wife were faithful members of the Catholic denomination, and Mr. Botzum assisted to build the first church of that faith in Akron. John George and Katherine (Dragaser) Botzum had the following children: Michael; Susan, who was the wife of George Neiberg;

Nicholas; George; Adam; Katherine, who is the widow of Conrad Buills of Centralia, Illinois; John A., and Conrad, who resides at Akron. Michael, Susan, Nicholas, George and John A. are deceased.

Captain Adam Botzum was six years old when the family came to America, and until seventeen years of age he made his home with his parents. At this time he became a driver on the Ohio Canal, an occupation he continued to follow for twenty years. In 1855 he built the canal-boat *Germany,* which he sold in 1860, and he built the boat *Democrat,* which he sold two years later. In 1861, he quit the canal and located on the farm, which he had purchased three years previously. Mr. Botzum engaged in general farming from that time until his death, his eighty acres of fine, fertile land being in a high state of cultivation and yielding good crops. He marketed wheat, corn and potatoes, while for his own use he raised hay and oats. He kept about seven head of cattle, and he also fattened calves and hogs for the market.

On June 22, 1857, Captain Botzum was married to Eliza Seeley, who was a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and she survives, as do also their six children: George A., who resides at Akron; Emma, who is the wife of Frank Averill, of Akron; Frank, who also resides at Akron; Stella, who is the wife of Clyde Bookwalter, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Lida, who resides at home; and Lillian, who is the wife of Charles Worth, of Akron.

The late Captain Botzum was a Democrat in political faith and from the age of twenty-one years until his death, he never missed casting his vote believing that every good citizen should exercise this privilege. He was frequently sent as a delegate to conventions of his party and frequently was elected to township offices. He served for eight years as township trustee and for many years as school director. In religious belief he was liberal-minded, depending largely on the virtues included in looking after the welfare of his family and doing his full duty to his neighborhood, his state and his country.

DANIEL McGARRY, of the firm of McGarry & McGowan, general contractors, at Akron, was born in Ireland, in 1861, and came to Akron in 1873, where he obtained his education in the parochial schools.

Mr. McGarry learned the brick-layer's trade and worked for six years at brick-laying before entering into general contracting. For the past twelve years he has been at the head of the firm of McGarry & McGowan, which has done a large part of the important work on the Ohio Canal, and a great amount of street paving, concrete laying and sewer building, at Akron. A large contract which this firm is engaged in filling at the present writing (1907) is the putting in of ten and one-half miles of sewer, at Ravenna, Ohio. Mr. McGarry owns an interest in the Storer Land Company.

In 1884 Mr. McGarry was married to Margaret McGowan, and they have six children, namely: Stephen, who is engaged in newspaper work at San Antonio, Texas; James, who is associated with his father; Arthur, who is a student at Holy Cross College; and Belle, Elizabeth and Madge. Mr. McGarry and his family belong to St. Vincent's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. Formerly, Mr. McGarry took considerable interest in politics and at one time was a member of the city board of commissioners, but in later years he has not been active in public life.

NICHOLAS KNAPP, trustee of Boston Township and a prominent agriculturist who resides on his valuable farm of 286 acres, was born in Rheinfalz, Hessen-Cassel, Germany, August 28, 1843, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Knapp) Knapp.

The father of Mr. Knapp was born in the same place as his son and came from there to America in 1844, the voyage lasting sixty-five days from Liverpool to New York, joining some friends who had previously located in Portage County. Peter Knapp acquired a farm in Suffield Township some five years after locating in Ohio, on which he lived for

the remainder of his life, his death occurring in October, 1856, at the age of sixty-five years, his wife, having died in May, 1856, aged sixty years. Although she was named Knapp before her marriage, she was no relative of Peter Knapp. They had twelve children.

Nicholas Knapp was the youngest of the family that accompanied their parents in an old sailing ship across the ocean to New York. In those days Ohio was reached by a still further voyage up the Hudson River to Albany, across New York by the Erie Canal, over the lake to Cleveland and by way of the Ohio Canal to Portage County. The father died when Nicholas was thirteen years of age and thus he had fewer advantages than many boys who had parents to provide for them into manhood. He was strong and industrious and won the favor of neighboring farmers, for whom he worked by the month until 1859. In the early part of that year he hired himself to a farmer in Brimfield Township, where he had every reason to think he would find a good home and continued employment, but the great frost of that year destroyed the crops and the farmer had no further use for his services. He then went to Ravenna, where he found work in a glass factory at six dollars a month, and boarded himself, and remained there during one summer and in the fall he secured a better opportunity, doing chores for his board, after work in the factory was done. In the following spring he returned to work again by the month, in Suffield Township, and in the next year he found a home with his brother, with whom he remained until 1861.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Knapp was one of the first young men to enlist in Battery A, First Ohio Light Artillery, which was sent to the western department of the army, and he served with faithfulness for four years, lacking but twelve days. He participated in many engagements and went through the Atlanta campaign, and although almost constantly exposed to danger, was able to return from his military service unharmed. It was left for times of peace and in pursuance of the quietest of avocations, that Mr. Knapp experienced an injury which lost him his good left arm. By the accidental overturning of a hay wagon, he was caught in such a manner that the injury was so serious that no mending of the shattered bones was possible. This accident occurred in 1891. Mr. Knapp has borne this affliction with fortitude very remarkable.

Mr. Knapp remained in Suffield Township after his return from the army until 1874, when he moved to Stow Township, in Summit County, where he purchased a farm and lived on it until 1878, removing then to another in Franklin Township, on which he lived until 1888. In this year he bought 186 acres of his present farm in Boston Township, to which he added the second 100 acres in 1907. About 150 acres of this land is under cultivation and he raises hay, wheat, corn, oats and potatoes, marketing from 300 to 500 bushels of the tubers in a season. He keeps twenty head of cattle and sells his milk to the Peninsula Creamery, and has eight head of horses. In 1890 he erected his present comfortable residence.

Mr. Knapp married Elizabeth Pero, for his first wife, who died February 22, 1873, aged thirty-two years. She had two children: Karl, who died at the age of nineteen years; and Park, of Portage County. Mr. Knapp was married (second) to Louisa Pero, who was a cousin of his first wife. She is a daughter of Nichola Pero. To this marriage seven children have been born, five of whom reached maturity, namely: Charles E., Pearl Ellen, Albert, Ralph H., and Orrin P. Pearl Ellen is deceased. She was the wife of Abraham Tischer, residing at Shalersville.

For some years past Mr. Knapp has been identified with the Democratic party. Formerly he voted for both Abraham Lincoln and General Grant. For the past three years he has been a trustee of Boston Township, his re-election to this office taking place on November 5, 1907. While residing in Suffield Township, he served five years in the office of constable. He belongs to Northampton Grange, and to the Maccabees, No. 56, at

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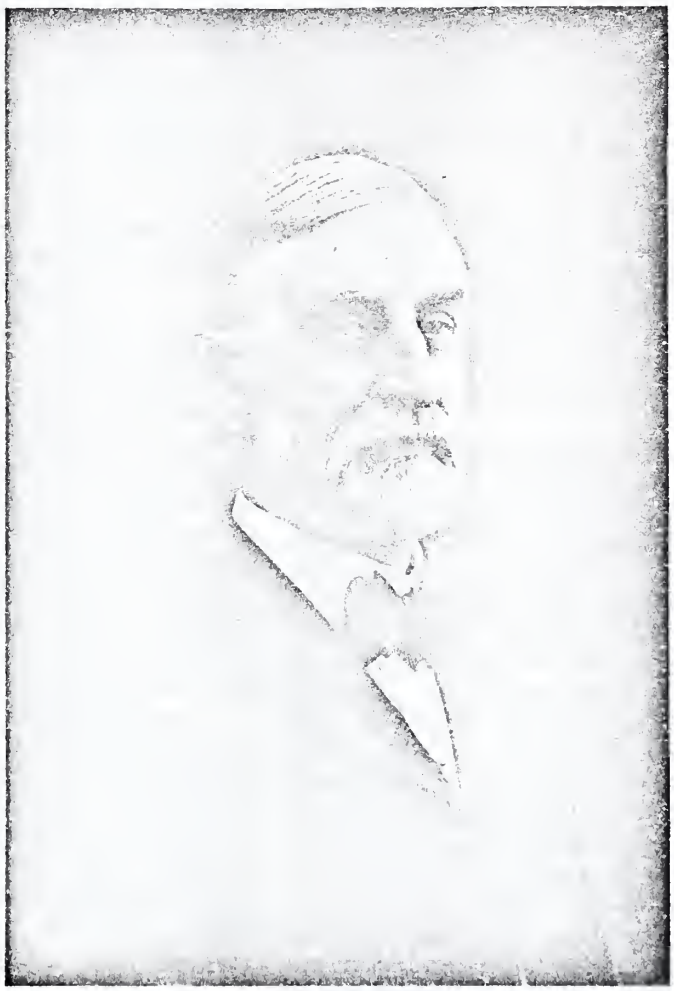

GEORGE W. PLUMER

Peninsula. Mr. Knapp is recognized as a man of excellent business judgment. His many sterling traits of character have won him the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

GEORGE W. PLUMER, a retired citizen of Akron, and a veteran of the Civil War, for many years was closely identified with the business and financial interests of this city. He was born at Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and is a son of Hon. B. A. Plumer, formerly a prominent merchant in Western Pennsylvania, where he was elected to responsible offices, serving for a long period as a judge of the courts of Venango County.

George W. Plumer was reared and educated in his native place, and for a number of years was engaged in the hardware trade at Franklin. In 1887 he came to Akron and went into the furniture business in partnership with B. L. Dodge, under the firm name of Dodge and Plumber, which association continued until 1899. He was one of the organizers of the Security Savings Bank and continued as its president until January, 1907, when this bank was sold to the People's Savings Bank. Mr. Plumer owns stock in a number of Akron enterprises and also has business interests in Pennsylvania.

In 1862 Mr. Plumer entered the Union army as second lieutenant of Company E, 121st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he performed the duties of a good soldier, both on the march and in battle, for two years, and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He is a valued member of Buckley Post, G. A. R., and of the Loyal Legion.

In 1867 Mr. Plumer was married, to Jennie M. Whitaker, who is a daughter of Albert P. Whitaker, one of the prominent journalists of Western Pennsylvania for half a century. Mr. and Mrs. Plumer have three children, namely: Mary Plumer, who married Dr. F. H. Lyder, D. D. S., of Akron; Lida Plumer, who married S. H. Kohler, who is prominently connected with the business interests of Akron, and George A., also of Akron. Mr. Plumer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason.

LEVI MADISON LEESER, who owns and operates a tract of 105 acres of excellent land in Green Township, is a leading agriculturist of this section. He was born on his father's farm in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Buchtel) Leeser.

Abraham Leeser, grandfather of Levi M., came from Pennsylvania to Stark County, Ohio, and entered a tract of land there in 1815, on which the rest of his life was passed. He was the father of six children: John, Catherine, Elizabeth, Peter, Samuel and Nathan. Catherine became the wife of Rev. J. Eby.

Peter Leeser was born in Lawrence Township, Stark County, Ohio, and like his father, cultivated land during all his active years. He died in Jackson Township in 1892, aged sixty-seven years. Peter Leeser was married to Sarah Buchtel, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John Buchtel, who was one of the pioneers of this county. Mrs. Leeser resides at Greensburg. Five children were born to Peter Leeser and wife, namely: Catherine, who survives her husband, Samuel Devies; Eva; Levi Madison; Alma, who married Jasper Fry; and John R.

Levi M. Leeser attended the district schools in his home neighborhood and spent his youth on his father's farm. One year after his marriage he removed to his present farm, and this property he purchased in 1894, from his father-in-law's heirs. He has here engaged in general farming, and has been more than ordinarily successful.

On January 27, 1881, Mr. Leeser was married to Emma Long, who was born on the present Leeser farm, and is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Heiss) Long. Mr. and Mrs. Long, who are now deceased, were married in Pennsylvania, and with two children made the long trip overland to Summit

County, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Leeser there have been born four children: Maude, who is stenographer at the Mount Pleasant Hospital, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Mamie, who died in infancy; and Ray and Wilma.

Mr. Leeser is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. With his family he attends the United Evangelical Church. Like his father, he is a Republican in politics and has been one of the most active workers in that party's ranks in Green Township, where he has served as trustee and school director, and fills the latter office at the present time.

D. W. KENDIG, a well-known citizen of Akron, who has been finance clerk of the city postoffice for the past three years under Postmaster Ebright, was born near Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, October 16, 1846.

Mr. Kendig attended the district schools through boyhood and later entered Wittenberg College. He was eighteen years of age when he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in 1862, and served until the close of the great struggle, his field of action being, mainly West Virginia. The Kendig family was one of marked loyalty, three of his brothers also becoming soldiers in the Federal Army. One of these, Lee, enlisted in the Sixteenth Ohio Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, which was one of the first regiments to answer the call for troops, and he died in the service. Benjamin, a second brother, was a member of the 161st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he accompanied General Sherman's army to the sea, and since the close of his military life has resided in Indian Territory. The third brother, Simon, now deceased, was in the 100-day service in Ohio.

Shortly after his return from the army, Mr. Kendig went to Missouri, where he remained for several years, and after he came back to Ohio, he was engaged in business at Mansfield for fifteen years. He came then to Akron, where he was in the employ of the Erie Railroad for one year, connected with the freight department. For the four following years he was engaged in the retail coal business, after which he became interested in life insurance, and for the next fifteen years he represented some of the best life companies of the country. Since closing out his insurance interests, he has been an official in the Akron postoffice.

In 1869 Mr. Kendig was married at Mansfield, Ohio, to Frances E. Creigh, of that city, who died June 22, 1905. They had three children, viz.: Karl, residing at Akron, who is secretary of the Werner Company; Lee, who died at the age of twenty-seven years, was associated with the Akron Iron Company for five years, at New York City; and Katherine, residing at home.

Mr. Kendig is more or less active in politics and supports the Republican party. He is a member of Buckley Post, G. A. R., and is a Master Mason. He belongs to the First Congregational Church at Akron.

URIAS GARMAN, whose fine farm lies on the old Portage Path Indian Trail road, in Portage Township, about one-half mile north of the city limits of Akron, was born in Medina County, Ohio, March 27, 1853, and is a son of Benjamin and Esther (Clause) Garman.

Benjamin Garman and his wife were both born and reared in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and after their marriage they came to Medina County, Ohio, driving the long distance with a one-horse wagon. They settled on a farm of 115 acres, in two tracts, in Homer Township, and this land Mr. Garman cultivated and improved for a number of years. In the course of time he decided to remove to Summit County, and on April 1, 1862, settled on a farm of 151 acres, in Portage Township, a portion of which is included in the farm of Urias Garman. He was accompanied to Portage Township by his seven children, who were the following: Alfred, who resides on a farm of twenty-five acres in Portage Township, married Julia A. Norton and has four children: Rose, who is the widow of Louis Esselburn; Elizabeth, who married J. F. Weygandt; Sarah, who died in

1906, was the widow of Louis Andrews; Urias, of Portage Township; Irene, who married Mandus Baughman, resides in Akron; and Mrs. Mary Starks, resides in Akron.

For several years after moving to Portage Township, Benjamin Garman and his sons did general farming, and then he went into the stone business, in partnership with his eldest son, having excellent quarries on the land. After he retired, Alfred and Urias Garman carried on the business for some years. They also embarked together in a dairy business, which they conducted for six years. Benjamin Garman died in 1890, and his widow survived until December, 1902.

Urias Garman has lived on his present farm since he was nine years old. He attended the district schools through boyhood and subsequent reading and mingling with the world has made him one of the township's well-informed men. He carries on a general line of farming and meets with the success that usually attends industry and the following of excellent methods. For about nine years he worked in the rubber shops of Akron, otherwise his whole attention has been given to agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1876 he erected the large frame residence which is a home of attractiveness and is full of comforts.

In October, 1875, Mr. Garman was married to Mary Rogers, who is a daughter of Peter and Susan (Heberly) Rogers, and they have five children, namely: Frank, who married Allie Buss, has two children, Ralph and Mary, and he is a carpenter and contractor; Susan, who married John Gammeter, of Akron; Millie, who married Ralph Hogan, has one child, Garman; and Allie and Marjorie, both reside at home.

CHARLES MERRIMAN, M. D., formerly a prominent physician and surgeon of Akron, now lives retired on his farm in Portage Township, which is situated on the Merriman road, about three quarters of a mile northwest of the city limits. Dr. Merriman was born in Massachusetts, May 21, 1829, and is a son of Charles and Harriet (Allis) Merriman.

Dr. Merriman's parents left Berkshire County, Massachusetts, with their possessions packed in wagons, and reached Ohio May 21, 1835, and came to Summit County a few weeks later, settling on the farm in Portage Township, on which the son now lives. The father invested his money in 372 acres of land, which then was covered with native timber.

On this farm young Charles Merriman grew to manhood, assisting his father to clear a large part of it and put it under cultivation. He attended the country schools and when sixteen years of age taught a term of school in Bath Township, and in the following year, two terms at Greensburg. He continued his own education at Akron and Tallmadge, and had academic training at West Farmington, in Trumbull County. When he made up his mind to study medicine, he placed himself under the tuition of Dr. William T. Huntington, with whom he read for two and one-half years, and in the fall of 1849 he attended the lecture course at the Cleveland Medical School. During his absence, his preceptor, Dr. Huntington, died and he spent the summer and the following winter under Dr. Aekley, surgeon of the medical department of the Western Reserve University. He was graduated at this college, in 1858, having returned for his third course during the winter of 1857-8. Prior to this, however, he had studied and to some degree practiced, with his uncle, Dr. Andrus Merriman, in Geauga, now Lake County, and in 1851 he went to Brownsville, Kentucky. He remained there until the latter part of the winter of 1853, having a third interest in the medical practice of Dr. Ira H. Keller. He gained other medical instruction and practice at the Transylvania Medical College, at Louisville, Kentucky, and at Dr. McDowell's college, at St. Louis, Missouri.

In looking over the country for a place to enter upon practice, Dr. Merriman noted that there was no physician established at Hillsborough, Jefferson County, Missouri, and he

located there until the fall of 1857, when he returned for his last course of lectures. He practiced one year at Peninsula, and then settled at Montrose, Summit County, where he remained from the spring of 1859 until 1873, when he came to Akron. This city was but a semblance of what it has since become, and the best location the young doctor could secure was a small office in Hall's Block, where he remained for several years. He moved from there to rooms over the City drug store and later established his office in his comfortable home on West Market Street. When he retired he sold his residence to Paul E. Werner. His practice covered a period of fifty-three years and was one of unusual success. Dr. Merriman is held in high esteem.

In 1856, at St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Merriman was married in Lavinia P. Myers, who is a daughter of Samuel and Gertrude (Robinson) Myers.

JOSEPH KENDALL, who has been director of the Akron City Infirmary for more than twenty years, was born March 15, 1828, in England, and has been a resident of Akron since 1862.

The death of his father when he was young, made his boyhood one of many hardships. For three years he tended the flocks of a hard-hearted shepherd, in the neighborhood of his home, with whom he was obliged to remain until he had completed the period for which he was bound. In 1848, being then twenty years of age, he determined to make his way to America, in order to better his condition, and he crossed the Atlantic Ocean in one of the old sailing vessels of the day, which required nine weeks to make the voyage. He landed at New Orleans, and in search of work Mr. Kendall went up the Mississippi River, and at Evansville, Indiana, he found employment, mainly along the river, which furnished him with support and enabled him to save a little money, with which he came to Akron in 1862. Here he engaged for twenty-five years in the metal business and then went into dealing in hay and the wholesale buying and shipping of grain. In the meanwhile he had built up an honorable business reputation and had gained influential friends. When the Akron City Infirmary was opened, Mr. Kendall was selected its director, and so capable and so honest has been his administration of the office that a change has never been suggested. He is the oldest officeholder in the city, in point of continuous service. It is a matter of justifiable pride with Mr. Kendall that in all this time not a single bill he has ever contracted for public use, has been questioned by the board of directors of this institution.

In 1864 Mr. Kendall was married to Frances Booth, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who died in May, 1887. They had two children, Elizabeth and Ruth. Ruth resides at home, tenderly caring for her father. Elizabeth died in 1905. She was a noble woman, and was deeply interested in Sunday-school work. Mr. Kendall was reared in the Episcopal Church, but for many years has been an attendant of the Presbyterian Church.

SCOTT H. MERRIMAN, whose fine truck farm of sixteen acres is situated on the Merriman road, about two miles northwest of Akron, was born in the old stone house in which his father still resides, located on West Market Street, Akron, August 8, 1863. His parents were Wells and Alberta Merriman.

Wells Merriman was born across the road from the farm which Scott H. now owns, in Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Charles and a brother of Dr. Charles Merriman. During his younger years, Wells Merriman engaged in farming, then learned the machinist trade and for twenty-five years was employed in the stove works of the Taplin-Rice Company. He built the old stone house on West Market Street, in which he lives, and which was then surrounded by seven acres of land which was used as a truck farm. The old house is a landmark in that part of the encroaching city. He was married twice and the children of his first union were: Grove, residing at Akron; Forrest, residing at Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas; and Scott H., resid-

ing in Portage Township. The mother of these children died when her youngest son was small. To his second marriage, Wells Merriman had three children: Jesse, Mrs. Hattie Bechtol and Ruby, wife of Royal Scott.

Scott H. Merriman was reared in the old home on West Market Street, Akron, and helped to cultivate the garden which is now covered with structures. He spent twelve years, after completing his education, in the packing business and in operating a hotel, at Omaha, Nebraska, but in 1889 he returned to Summit County and settled on his present farm. Mr. Merriman has made a success of the trucking business. He raises large crops of the choicest vegetables that can be grown in this climate and sells by wholesale.

At Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Merriman was married to Gertrude Finney, who is a daughter of L. A. and Sarah (Oakley) Finney. They have four children: Claude and Byron, both born in Nebraska, and Albert and Dorothy, born in Summit County. Mr. Merriman is not active in politics, merely showing the interest of a good citizen in public matters. He takes great pleasure in improving his tidy little farm and a plenteous return is made him for his careful cultivation.

JOHN WOLF, superintendent of the Market House at Akron, was formerly engaged in the mercantile business for many years in this city and established a name for business ability and strict integrity. Mr. Wolf was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 25, 1837, and was a boy of fourteen years when he came to America.

For two years prior to coming to Akron, Mr. Wolf was a clerk in a dry goods store at Aurora, Indiana, and after reaching this city, in 1853, he continued in the same capacity. In 1863 he became a member of the M. W. Henry Company, at Akron. In 1870, the firm of Wolf, Church & Beck was organized, which continued to do business until 1883, when Mr. Beck retired, the firm of Wolf & Church continuing until 1887, when Mr. Wolf became sole proprietor. He retired from the mercantile business in 1893, and for some years devoted his attention to looking after the real estate of the Wolf family. For the past three years he has been superintendent of the Akron Market House, and has proven himself a careful and efficient officer.

In 1864 Mr. Wolf was married to Anna Howe, who is a daughter of Capt. Richard Howe, who was one of the early pioneers of Akron, and who was a valuable assistant in the building of the Ohio Canal. Two sons were born to this marriage, Charles R. and Harry Howe, both of whom are prominent business men, the former being purchasing agent for the B. F. Goodrich Company, and the latter, president of a brick company at Muncie, Indiana.

Politically, Mr. Wolf is a Republican and he has always been a patriotic supporter of the government. During the Civil War he served in the 100-day service, as a member of Company F, 164th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and during his period of army service was located at Fort Cochran, Washington, D. C. He is a member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Wolf was formerly a member of the Lutheran Church.

NATHANIEL PETTITT. Among the many valuable farms and hospitable homes in the environs of Akron, that owned and occupied by Nathaniel Pettitt deserves special mention in connection with its respected and esteemed owner. It lies on the Merriman road, about two and one-half miles northwest of the city limits and has been occupied by Mr. Pettitt for forty-four years. He was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1823, and is a son of Charles and Isabella (Karr) Pettitt.

Charles Pettitt was born in New Jersey and was a son of John Pettitt, who moved to Maryland when Charles was five years old. Later he moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Charles Pettitt engaged in farming in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, until 1837, when he came to Ohio and rented a farm which was in Copley Township, then

in Medina County. This farm belonged to his brother, Rev. John Pettitt, who had come to this section in 1830, and was the pioneer founder of the Congregational Church at Akron. Some years later Charles Pettitt bought this farm but sold it in 1854, and purchased another of 150 acres, which was situated in Portage Township, subsequently selling it also. Charles Pettitt died in 1867, aged seventy-seven years. He married Isabella Karr, who died in 1863, aged seventy-three years. They were people who were held in esteem and affection by their neighbors.

Nathaniel Pettitt lived on the farm in Copley Township until he was thirty-one years of age. He attended the district schools in his boyhood and was trained by a strict father to be a good farmer. He assisted in clearing up the land and as the country was not very well settled at that time, experienced hardships which the present generation would probably consider unsupportable. With his brother, John Pettitt, he rented the farm now owned by Aaron Teeple, at Fairlawn, where he stayed two years and then bought the farm now owned by the Benjamin Garman heirs, on which he lived for seven years and then bought his present farm. Mr. Pettitt found a great deal of clearing had to be done and after that was completed he started improvements, and has a very valuable property.

On February 9, 1854, Nathaniel Pettitt was married to Rachel Ann Jones, who was born near Sharon Center, Medina County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Foster) Jones. Her father was born in Maryland and her mother in New York and they were married in Wayne County, Ohio. They moved to Sharon when Mrs. Pettitt was small and later to Copley Township, Summit County, where she was reared. Her mother lived to be a venerable lady, surviving for ninety years, passing the last eleven years with Mr. and Mrs. Pettitt, where she died in 1896. Her husband died in 1867. To Mr. and Mrs. Pettitt were born seven children, namely: Mary Alice, who married Charles Brown; Charles Nathaniel, who operates the farm; Milton Howard; Myron Grant; Emma, who married Daniel Frederick; Elsie, who married Vinton Hardy; and Homer, residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Pettitt have been blessed in their children and they have fourteen grandchildren.

A. H. STALL, M. D., physician and surgeon, at Barberton, has one of the best equipped offices and most complete medical libraries in Summit County. He was born July 7, 1876, at Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Hiram and Jennie (Galloway) Stall.

The father of Dr. Stall died when he was a child of three years, after which his mother moved to Montrose, Summit County, and he attended the common and High School in Copley Township, following which he spent one session at Mt. Union College, at Alliance, and also attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada for one term. When eighteen years of age he began to teach school, and continued in educational work through the township for the succeeding three years, in the meantime preparing himself, by preliminary medical study, for entering the medical department of the Western Reserve University, where he was graduated June 13, 1901, with his medical degree.

By June 16, 1901, Dr. Stall was established as assistant to Dr. E. A. Bellford, at Barberton, with whom he remained until March, 1903, when he located at Johnson's Corners, in Norton Township, where he was made health officer, having previously served in that office at Barberton. He remained in that village until July, 1906, when he returned to Barberton, locating on the corner of Baird and Fourth Streets. Dr. Stall is an enthusiast in his profession and keeps fully abreast of the times, continually adding to his valuable equipment of surgical instruments and making additions to his already large scientific library. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the Summit County, the Ohio State and the Barberton Medical Societies.

On December 24, 1904, Dr. Stall was married to Edna Prange, who is a daughter of

Herman Prange, who is superintendent of the McNeil Boiler Works, of South Akron. They had one son, Arthur, who died August 18, 1903, aged eleven months, and they have a daughter, Margaret, who was born June 22, 1907.

Dr. Stall is a member of the Masonic fraternity and retains his connection with his college society, the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* and the medical fraternity society *Nu Sigma Nu*. He is to some degree interested in politics and since 1904 has been township clerk of Norton Township.

JONATHAN HALE, a pioneer settler of Summit County, was a member of an honorable old New England family and the name is still one of note in many sections, especially in the vicinity of Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he was born, April 23, 1777, while the country was engaged in the arduous struggle of the Revolutionary War.

In the summer of 1810, Jonathan Hale penetrated to Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, being the first actual settler, Mr. Hale trading property in Glastonbury, Connecticut, for 500 acres, valued at $1,200, with Thomas and Lucinda Bull, also purchasing the interest of a squatter who had located on the land to await newcomers. Later in the year he was joined by other members of his family, and thus the Hales were established in what was then a wilderness of the Western Reserve. Indians were so numerous and unfriendly that when Jonathan Hale was drafted for the War of 1812, he was released on account of the dangers that would surround his helpless family in his absence.

On July 11, 1802, Mr. Hale was married (first) to Mercy S. Piper, who died May 14, 1829. He was married (second) November 2, 1830, to Sarah Cozad Mather. The children of the first marriage were: Sophronia, William, Pamela, Andrew, Abigail and James M. Those of the second marriage were: Jonathan D., Mercy A. and Samuel C.

Mr. Hale was an active citizen and did his full duty in promoting the progress of the community in which he lived. It was through his influence and from his suggestion that the township was given its name. He died in Bath Township, May 14, 1854.

ABNER L. CALDWELL, general farmer and formerly township trustee of Portage Township, owns thirty acres of land which is highly valuable on account of its close proximity to Akron, on the north, he having already sold forty acres for building purposes, the Caldwell School building having been erected on it. Mr. Caldwell was born at Springfield, Indiana, January 13, 1839, and is a son of Tarlton and Julia Ann (Vrooman) Caldwell.

In 1841 the parents of Mr. Caldwell moved to Missouri, where they remained for eight years and then removed to California, where the father worked in the gold mines for twenty years. He acquired a mine of his own and after he gave up the hard life of a miner, he settled on a large ranch in Southern California and on that both he and his wife died.

Up to the age of sixteen years, Abner L. Caldwell had few educational advantages, during these early years being called on to assist his father. After that, however, the family was in easy circumstances and in 1857 he returned to Ohio and entered the preparatory school at Hudson, where he remained two years and then went back to California. Mr. Caldwell made five trips across the Isthmus of Panama. As may be judged, he takes a great deal of interest in the progress of the Government work at that point, at present. His reminiscences of those early trips are very interesting.

In 1861, Mr. Caldwell was married to Mary Pitkin, who is a daughter of the late Judge S. H. Pitkin, one of the early pioneers of Summit County and a man of great prominence. Judge Pitkin owned 186 acres of land in Portage Township, to which he retired after serving as probate judge. He died at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were married at Hudson. While attending school at Hudson he boarded in the family of Judge Pitkin. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell lived five years in California and then returned to

Summit County, residing with Judge Pitkin, on the present farm, for a time, but subsequently erecting a residence of their own.

Mr. Caldwell has taken some interest in politics and, as one of the reliable and substantial citizens, has been offered many positions of responsibility, but he has declined all but that of township trustee, in which he has served several terms.

DANIEL HOLIBAUGH, general farmer, residing on his excellent farm of sixty-three acres, which is favorably located just outside the city limits of East Akron, was born at Mulberry, Stark County, Ohio, March 28, 1831, and is a son of Joseph and Lydia (Hosler) Holibaugh.

Daniel Holibaugh was reared in Stark County assisting his father on the home farm and attending the district schools. His parents both died in Stark County, the father in 1879, aged seventy-nine years, and the mother, in 1886, at the same age.

On October 22, 1857, Daniel Holibaugh was married at Canton, Ohio, by Rev. P. A. Herbruck, to Mary Brumbaugh, who is a daughter of David and Mary (Zeller) Brumbaugh. The mother of Mrs. Holibaugh died when she was fifteen years of age. Her father continued to live in Stark County for a few years and then removed to Akron, where he subsequently married the mother of Judge J. A. Kohler. Mr. Brumbaugh was a carpenter and cabinet-maker and later a farmer. He died at Akron.

After marriage, Daniel Holibaugh and wife lived on the old Holibaugh homestead in Stark County, for twelve years. In 1869, they bought 111 acres of land in Portage Township, sixty-three of which they still own, and in February, 1870, they settled on it. In the same year Mr. Holibaugh built his substantial barn and in the following year his comfortable residence, and each year since he has done more improving. He carried on a general farming line and kept from five to ten head of cattle. On acount of his land being so well located, Mr. Holibaugh has been able to sell as much as he has cared to part with, at good prices, for town lot sites, and in 1907, he sold six acres to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the new branch passing through the land in such a way that the residence had to be moved. Mr. Holibaugh is rather proud of his orchards as he set out every tree himself.

As Mr. Holibaugh and wife had on children of their own, they decided to adopt a child and found a beautiful little daughter, in Jennie E. Ringer. She was motherless and was the child of Louis and Matilda (Royer) Ringer. She was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Holibaugh when aged four and one-half years and was reared as their own until her marriage, in young womanhood, to William E. Hale. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have had five children, namely: Jessie May, who married Ora Rowh, has one child, Grace Lucile; Harvey C.; Alvin F.; Frank, who died aged ten weeks; and Lenora.

Mr. and Mrs. Holibaugh are consistent members of Trinity Reformed Church, of North Hill. He has served both as deacon and elder in this church. They are most estimable people, kind, hospitable and charitable, and they have a wide circle of friends.

McCAUSLAND BROTHERS, leading brick manufacturers in Portage Township, and general farmers, owning ninety acres of valuable land, succeeded their father, who was the founder of the business, in 1885. The firm is made up of John J. and James C. McCausland, sons of the late John McCausland.

John McCausland was a son of James McCausland, and he was born in Ireland, where he remained until 1848, when he came to America. The aged father subsequently came from Ireland and died in the home of his son. For several years he worked in the agricultural districts as a farm hand and after coming to Portage Township, Summit County, rented the old Simon Perkins farm, now known as the Fouse farm, and then bought seventy-five acres of the present home farm. To this he added until he had 180 acres. He continued to farm after 1871, when he started his brick business, in which his sons were prac-

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tically brought up. John McCausland built two brick houses on his farm, the one in which he resided until his death, being now the property of James Breen. He had commenced the erection of the large brick residence, in which his sons live, but did not survive to see it completed. His death occurred in November, 1884. He was a man of great business enterprise and succeeded in whatever work he undertook.

John McCausland married Mary McQuillan, who was a daughter of Charles McQuillan. She was born in Ireland and came to America in young womanhood. She died on Decoration Day, 1894. They had six children, namely: James C., Margaret, John J., and Mary, who married James Breen. Two children died as infants.

The two sons of John McCausland, as stated above, succeeded to their father's interests and have continued together as they have been since boyhood. The elder brother, James C., has never married. John J. McCausland married Anna M. Doran, who was reared at Akron and is a daughter of William Doran. They have three children: Leo, aged twelve years; Helen, aged eleven years; and Mary, aged four years. John J. McCausland has served two terms as township treasurer and enjoys the full confidence of his fellow-citizens. Both brothers are members of St. Vincent Catholic Church and belong to the order of Knights of Columbus.

The McCausland Brothers' brick plant has a capacity of about 4,000,000 building brick, and during the six months in the year that it is running, employment is given to about twenty-five men. It is one of the best established industries of Portage Township and its owners are among the representative citizens.

AULTMAN BROTHERS, bankers and brokers, with offices in the Hamilton Building, Akron, and with additional offices at Toledo and Cleveland, manage and control many large financial interests in this section of Ohio. The firm is made up of William J. and George W. Aultman.

William J. Aultman was born at Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1875, in which place he was reared and educated, and where he was engaged for two years in the bicycle business. Then coming to Akron, he entered the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company, with whom he remained for five years. In 1892 the firm of Aultman Brothers was founded for dealing in mining stock, and they have since handled the most successful stocks of this kind in this section of Ohio. They carry on a banking and brokerage business and their standing as business men is very high. In 1902 William J. Aultman was married to Ella Hostettler, of Orrville, Ohio, and they have one child, Garnett Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Aultman are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Akron.

George W. Aultman, of Aultman Brothers, was born at Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1877. After leaving school he worked for three years at dentistry, later went into the bicycle business, and in 1890 came to Akron. For eighteen months he was connected with the Goodrich Company, and for the same length of time with the Diamond Rubber Company. He then became associated with his brother, William J., in the brokerage business, making mining a specialty. In June, 1907, George W. Aultman was married to Edith McCurry, of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Aultman belong to the First Presbyterian Church.

The material success which has attended this firm of enterprising young men is somewhat remarkable. Both had practical business experience and with their ambition stimulated by enlarged opportunities, they found themselves qualified to accept new responsibilities and have rapidly built up a large and important business.

OTTO N. HARTER, president of the Akron Pure Milk Company, with business location at No. 265 Bowery Street, Akron, was born April 4, 1866, at New Berlin, Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of Jeremiah Harter.

O. N. Harter was twelve years of age when

his parents moved to Western Star, Summit County, where he completed his education and then entered into a milk and butter business. For a number of years he was a member of the firm of Harter Brothers, dealers in dairy products. In April, 1904, when the Akron Pure Milk Company was reorganized and incorporated, with a capital stock of $10,000, which put it on a firm foundation, O. N. Harter became president, A. H. Harter, vice-president, and A. G. Teeple, secretary and treasurer. The Akron quarters are commodious and sanitary. They have their butter manufacturing plant at Killbuck, Holmes County, where fine creamery butter is produced which finds a ready market on account of its superior excellence. Employment is given by this company to twenty-five people. In partnership with J. M. Sumner, Mr. Harter organized the Sumner Company, exclusive dealers in dairy products, but he has disposed of his interest in this concern. Other enterprises of considerable importance claim a part of his attention and he is a stockholder in several banks.

On June 15, 1893, Mr. Harter was married to Rose M. Spidle, of Akron, and they have five children, namely: Frederick S., Flora C., Bessie May, Bert H. and Harry Lee.

Mr. Harter is a good, solid citizen, taking an interest in all that concerns the real welfare of the country, but he has never devoted much time to politics.

GEORGE HART ROOT, a leading citizen of Tallmadge Township, was born May 21, 1833, on the farm and in the same house in which he lives, in Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John Cole and Lydia (Hart) Root.

The Root family is of English extraction and of Puritan ancestry. John Root, the settler, came from Badby, England, to Farmington, Connecticut, with the first settlers of the place, in 1640. His father being deceased, he was adopted by a wealthy uncle, the latter of whom was a zealous supporter of the great Protector. He insisted that his nephew, John Root, espouse Cromwell's cause against King Charles I, but the nephew was of a peaceable disposition and chose rather to cast in his lot with the little band of Puritans then on the verge of emigrating to the free land across the Atlantic Ocean.

In the settlement at Farmington, John Root became a man of affairs and of much prominence. About 1640, he married Mary Kilbourn, who was born in 1619, at Wood Dutton, England, and died in Connecticut, in 1697, aged seventy-eight years. Her parents were Thomas and Frances Kilbourn. She came to the Colonies in the good ship *Increase*, in 1635. John Root, the settler, died in 1684, aged seventy-six years.

The family record then goes to Ezekiel Root, who was born at Farmington, Connecti October 18, 1764, and was married February 17, 1786, to Cynthia Cole, of Kensington, Connecticut. She died at Tallmadge, Ohio, March 9, 1853. Ezekiel Root died in 1825, aged sixty years. He served for eight years in the Patriot army during the Revolutionary troubles and for three years after the close of the war he was an orderly sergeant at West Point. He died at Farmington, in 1825. The children of Ezekiel Root and wife were Horace, George, Fannie, John Cole, Cynthia and Hiram.

Horace Root, the eldest son, was never married. He was born January 8, 1787. Just prior to the War of 1812, he was visiting Boston, Massachusetts, and while there was pressed on board one of the British ships of war and suffered the same shameful treatment then accorded all Americans. It became so unbearable that with three companions he resolved to attempt to swim ashore, although the distance was three miles. With one of his fellow sufferers he was successful, and soon after joined the ranks of the American army. He took part in the battle at Lundy's Lane, where Gen. Winfield Scott won his first promotion, and was with his regiment on the land near where Commodore Perry won his victory on Lake Erie. He assisted in digging the Erie Canal. His death took place in Ohio. George Root, the second son, was born at Farmington, Connecticut, February 13, 1791. He was a merchant and moved to Mil-

ledgeville, Georgia, where he died, as did his wife and two children. Fannie Root was born at Farmington, April 5, 1793, and died at Freedom, Ohio. John Cole Root, was born at Farmington, October 18, 1795. Cynthia Root was born at Farmington, March 20, 1798, and died in Ohio. Hiram, deceased, was born at Farmington, August 29, 1800.

John Cole Root came into Tallmadge, Ohio, in 1828, and purchased the farm of sixty-three acres on which his son, George Hart Root resides, on which he lived until his death, December 20, 1862. He was married at New Briton, Connecticut, November 29, 1819, to Lydia Hart, who was born there, May 13, 1796, and died in Tallmadge, March 9, 1876. Her father died in Connecticut but her mother came to Summit County soon after the Roots came, and she died at St. Mary's, in Auglaize County. John Cole Root and wife had but one child, George Hart.

George Hart Root grew up on the farm on which he was born and gave his father all needed assistance in clearing and cultivating the property. He was given excellent educational advantages, including a district school training, a season at the Tallmadge Academy and one year at Oberlin College. After leaving school he engaged in teaching during the winters for a time and taught six months at Akron. He then accepted employment with the Cleveland Construction Company and assisted in the building of electric railways from Akron to Cleveland, and also the Niagara Falls Railway, and later aided in the building of the line running from Cleveland to Willoughby. For a time he worked on the line from Lima to Piqua, as commissary of the construction camp, and was considered a very useful man in that department. He has long since done little but look after his farming interests, and has now reached a time in his life when the labors of this industry can be easily shifted to younger shoulders.

Mr. Root was married at Tallmadge, October 7, 1856, to Marie Phoebe Upson, who was born in Tallmadge, September 30, 1838, and they have had the following children: Ella Evelyne; who was born in Tallmadge, July 14, 1859; Eddie Harland, who was born June 28, 1862, died in December of the same year; and Frank Lewis, who was born March 7, 1868. Ella E., the eldest daughter, was married to Edward L. Hinman, October 7, 1879, who is a farmer residing near Ravenna, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Hinman have children as follows: Helen Marie, born in Tallmadge, Ohio, March 28, 1881; Lewis Edward, born at Ravenna, Ohio, October 15, 1885; Florence Jennie, born September 19, 1888, and Mabel Harriet, born January 16, 1891.

Frank Lewis Root was married in Tallmadge, June 12, 1896, to Olive A. Skinner, also of Tallmadge, and their four children bear the following names: Charles Edward, born in Tallmadge, April 8, 1898; Gilbert Hart, born February 8, 1900; Marion Phoebe, born September 10, 1902; and Frank Oliver, born October 10, 1905. Frank Lewis attended the public schools of Tallmadge and the Western Reserve Academy, and took a course in the Reserve Academy, and took a course in the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland. He is engaged in farming and is also the rural mail route carrier in Tallmadge.

Both Mr. Root and son are staunch Republicans and both are men of the highest personal standing in the community. Mr. Root has always taken as active interest in the development of the township's resources and has devoted time, labor and means to many public-spirited enterprises. He has been a warm friend of the public schools, in which both he and his children enjoyed advantages. During a part of his earlier life he taught penmanship and although the winters of seventy-four years have passed over his head and bodily afflictions have fallen on him, his hand is steady enough to pen letters that show little trace of weakness, and which may be placed side by side with those of a younger generation, to the latter's discredit.

GEORGE C. STANFORD, one of the representative men of Boston Township, who is carrying on agricultural operations on his fine farm of 300 acres, was born April 18, 1839,

and is a son of George and Catherine (Carter) Stanford.

James Stanford, the great-grandfather of George C. Stanford, was a native of Ireland and his wife of Pennsylvania, and they settled at Bristol, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, in 1802. They remained there for about three years, and then moved to Jackson Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, where they resided for one year. About this time James Stanford joined a surveying party which was appointed to locate and survey what is now Boston Township, and when the survey was completed, in 1806, he brought his family to Summit County and located on 139 acres on the east bank of the Cuyahoga River. In the following year he traded lands with Alfred Wolcott, securing then a part of the farm now occupied by George C. Stanford, and here he spent the remainder of his life. It was James Stanford who suggested the name of Boston Township, and its acceptance happily ended a disputed question. His son, Andrew Johnson Stanford, was the first white child born in Boston Township.

George Stanford, father of George C., was born at Bristol, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1800, and died March 3, 1883. He was a prominent Whig and was a justice of the peace for many years. On January 17, 1828, he was married to Catherine Carter, who was born in 1809, and died December 20, 1872. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Carter. They had eight children: Emily, who died in infancy; James M. and Ellen, both of whom died when about twenty years of age; William Irwin, who died in childhood; Perkins W., who enlisted as a private in the Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, was promoted to be sergeant of Company A, was taken prisoner in 1864, and died at Andersonville; Eliza, who died when three years of age; George C.; and Catherine, who is deceased.

George C. Stanford went to school in the second schoolhouse which was erected in this district, and he has always lived on his present farm, which now comprises 300 acres, 100 of which are under cultivation, being devoted principally to wheat and hay. Mr. Stanford has a fine silo, 19x20 feet, 26 feet high. In former years he kept from twenty-five to thirty head of cattle, but he now keeps only ten or twelve cows, and has a flock of sixty-five sheep. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as a delegate to county conventions. He was elected justice of the peace and was re-elected, but resigned before the expiration of his second term. For three years he has been township assessor. He is a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 226, and Summit Royal Arch Chapter No. 74 of Masons.

Mr. Stanford was married to Eliza Lida Wetmore, daughter of William Wetmore, of Peninsula, and to this union there were born three children: Ellen Perkins W., and Clayton J. The only daughter was born February 6, 1871, and married Edgar E. Jobe. She lives with her father, and has one child, Curtis A., who was born January 17, 1905. Perkins W., who was born May 2, 1874, resided in Indianapolis, Indiana, for eight years, where he received the main part of his schooling. He enlisted in Company D, 158th Regiment, during the Spanish-American War, but was never called on to leave the country. He is a general merchant at Boston village, and is postmaster. He married Stella Morgan, and has two children, namely, George J., born December 7, 1904, and Dorothy, born June 19, 1906. Clayton J., who was born August 4, 1877, married Catherine E. Coonrad, of Brecksville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Stanford is trustee and steward, in addition to having been superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. He has been a member of the Summit County Agricultural Society for a long period.

F. B. LIVERMORE, M.D., a leading physician and surgeon, at Barberton, formerly demonstrator of Anatomy at the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, has been located at this place since October, 1899. Dr. Livermore was born at Port Henry, New York, December 28, 1871, and is a son of R. F. and Eliza Hester (Bates) Livermore.

In 1878, the parents of Dr. Livermore removed from Port Henry to Corry, Pennsylvania, where his father embarked in a wholesale and retail dry goods business. There Dr. Livermore was educated, and after graduating from the Corry High School, he entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, where he took a preparatory course in medicine, following which he entered the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, at Cleveland, Ohio, from which institution he was graduted with his degree, in March, 1895. While Dr. Livermore practiced at Cleveland, he held the chair of demonstrator in Anatomy in his *alma mater,* and was also one of the physicians attached to the Huron Street Hospital, in that city. The training of two years which he enjoyed in hospital work was of inestimable benefit, giving him an opportunity to study diseases and injuries in a practical way. In October, 1899, Dr. Livermore came to Barberton, and although a number of other practitioners of excellent repute are located at this point, he has built up a most satisfactory practice and in large degree enjoys the confidence and support of the leading citizens.

In 1895, Dr. Livermore was married to Minnie A. Creel, who is a daughter of Benjamin Creel, of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Fraternally, Dr. Livermore is connected with the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias, while also retaining membership with his college fraternity, the *Delta Tau Delta.* Professionally, he is a member of the Cleveland Medical Association and the Summit County Clinical Association.

A. R. LODWICK, president of The Lodwick Company, leaders in the grocery line at Akron, with business location at No. 10 East Market Street, has been a resident of this city for thirty-three years and during the whole period of his commercial life has been identified with grocery interests. Mr. Lodwick was born in 1870, at Clinton, Missouri, and was four years old when his parents brought him to Akron.

In the schools of Akron, Mr. Lodwick secured his education. His father was engaged in the grocery business and very early the son became his assistant and learned all the practical details by the time he was ready to assume the responsibility of conducting a business of his own. For a number of years he was one of the stockholders in the Tanner Company, grocers, at Akron, which was succeeded in 1907 by the Lodwick Company. The latter was incorporated with a capital stock of $10,000, with these officers: A. R. Lodwick, president; A. M. Lodwick, vice-president; and I. A. Lodwick, secretary and treasurer.

In April, 1901, Mr. Lodwick was married to Lilian Douglas who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Mr. Lodwick is affiliated with a number of the leading fraternal organizations. He is a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Akron, to Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows, the Royal Areanum, the Protected Home Circle and the National Association of Letter Carriers. He is identified with the Masonic club. He is not an active politician but always takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, he gives liberally to charity and his civic pride is shown in the support he lends to public-spirited enterprises.

WILLIAM AMOS MANSFIELD, M.D., physician and surgeon, at Barberton, where he has been established since 1900, is one of the leading medical men of Summit County. He was born at Ravenna, Muskegon County, Michigan, February 28, 1859, and is a son of A. J. and Ann (Ellithorpe) Mansfield.

The father of Dr. Mansfield was born in Canada and was a son of Harry Mansfield, who was born near Plattsburg, New York, and was a son of an Englishman, who had settled very early in that city. The mother of Dr. Mansfield was born near Toronto, Canada, where her English parents had settled. For a number of years the father of Dr. Mansfield was prominently identified with the lumber industry in Canada. He began a manufacturing business near Toronto

shortly after his marriage, but subsequently removed to Muskegon County, Michigan, where he bought large tracts of lumber and continued in the lumbering business, and the furniture manufacturing business, until his death, in 1906, the death of his wife having immediately preceded his own.

Dr. Mansfield was reared in Muskegon County, Michigan, and first attended the district schools near his home and then entered Bryant and Stratton's Business College, at Buffalo, New York, where he took a two-years course. Equipped with a first-class commercial education, he then went to Boston, Massachusetts, and for two years was a student in the Emerson College of Oratory and Dramatic Art, graduating from that well-known institution, May 3, 1889. From probable success in business and celebrity on the stage, he then turned his attention to the science of medicine and entered the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, graduating in the class of 1895. For the succeeding five years he practiced his profession in the city of Cleveland and then came to the prospering town of Barberton, where he has become a leading citizen. He is a member of the Summit County Medical Club, and is an enthusiast in his profession. His fine office is equipped with modern appliances of all kinds, including an expensive X-ray machine, and he keeps thoroughly in touch with medical progress. He served one term as health officer of Barberton, having been appointed by the village council.

In 1893, Dr. Mansfield was married to Lenno Mowry, and they have two children: Ellithorpe and Marie. Dr. Mansfield is prominent in fraternal life, belonging to the Masons, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM HENRY MIDDLETON, residing on a very valuable farm of over 200 acres, which he acquired in 1882, is one of the substantial agriculturists and leading citizens of Hudson Township. He was born, May 19, 1856, in County Kent, England, and is a son of James and Mary Ann (Grigsby) Middleton.

Both parents of Mr. Middleton were born in County Kent, England, and in 1869 they came to America with their seven children. The voyage was one of danger and disaster. The family set sail in the vessel the *City of Hudson*, which was wrecked on the banks of New Foundland and drifted backward helplessly, for 500 miles, with three feet of water in the hold. The captain had lost all hope of saving his passengers, but fortunately kept up their courage when he lost his own, and finally help came and in the course of time the Middleton family reached East Cleveland in safety. The father was a brick-layer by trade. He died August 4, 1906, aged seventy-five years. The mother of William H. Middleton died December 21, 1878. The father was married (second) January 7, 1880, to Mrs. Elizabeth Pincombe. The children born to his first marriage were as follows: William H.; George, residing at Mayfield Heights, Cleveland; Sarah Jane, who died October 12, 1905; Alfred who died April 12, 1883; Elizabeth, who married George Lintern, died in 1894, at Cleveland; James, residing at Cleveland; Charles, residing in Hudson Township; and Hattie, who married Julian Scott, residing on the Streetsboro road in Hudson Township.

William H. Middleton resided at East Cleveland and at Glenville for about two years, and started a milk route which he continued until 1884, when he came to his present farm. He bought over 202 acres and has since added about twenty-seven acres. He operates his farm mainly as a dairy farm and ships his milk to Cleveland.

On August 31, 1875, Mr. Middleton was married to Sarah Ann Pincombe, who was born at Plymouth, England, and was ten years old when her parents William and Elizabeth (Rockey) Pincombe, crossed the Atlantic Ocean. The father went back to England and died there. The mother, later in life, became the second wife of the father of Mr. Middleton, and died on the present farm in an adjoining house, December 3, 1894. The Pincombes had three children to grow to maturity, namely: Elizabeth, who married

John Lintern, residing at Cleveland; Selina, who married W. B. Hopkins, residing at Cleveland; and Sarah Ann, who married Mr. Middleton. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have five children, as follows: May Elizabeth, who married W. S. Mills, residing at Twinsburg, has two children, Florence Elizabeth and Winnifred Ann; William, residing in Hudson Township, married Pearl Beardsley; Emanuel Alfred, residing in Bedford, married Emma Post, of Macedonia; and Blanche Winnifred and Bert Eli, both residing at home. Mr. Middleton and family belong to the Congregational Church at Hudson. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Middleton is a type of self-made man and enjoys the position in which he finds himself, in middle life, because through his own efforts he has brought his prosperity about.

ELMER ROBINSON, residing on his valuable farm of ninety acres, situated in Bath Township, where he is engaged in general farming and dairying, is one of the substantial men and reliable citizens of this section. Mr. Robinson was born in Wayne County, Ohio, October 6, 1865, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Clapper) Robinson.

The grandparents of Mr. Robinson were James and Sarah (Yates) Robinson, who were natives of Pennsylvania. James Robinson was a cigar-maker by trade, but after moving to Missouri in 1869, he followed farming. His children were: John and Robert, both of whom are deceased; Jacob, residing in Missouri; Benjamin, residing in Wayne County; Joseph and Abraham, both, of whom are deceased; Katherine, residing in Missouri; and Elizabeth, who is deceased.

Robert Robinson, father of Elmer, was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1839, and died in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 30, 1900. He accompanied his parents to Missouri, where he lived for two years and then came to Bath Township, where he passed the rest of his life. He was a man of education and taught school in Missouri and later in Wayne County. He was a stanch Republican and was elected a director of the Summit County Infirmary, to which position he was re-elected, and was the only member of his party who gained popular recognition at that time in this section. He died while serving in his second term. His widow still survives and resides on the home farm in Bath Township. The children of Robert Robinson and wife were: Allie, who married Charles H. Francisco, residing in Copley Township; Elmer C., Mettie, who married Andrew Harris, residing in Copley Township, Edward, who married Lottie Leiby, resides in Sharon Township; Irene, deceased, who married James Myers; and Vera, who married Earl Rockwell, residing on the old home in Bath Township.

Elmer Robinson was reared on the homestead farm and obtained his education in the schools of Bath Township. He remained assisting his father until his marriage, when he purchased his present farm, where he has made all the improvements, including the building of the substantial residence and farm structures. He is a man of practical ideas and thoroughly understands how to make every part of his land produce satisfactorily, in other words, he is a successful agriculturist.

In 1886, Mr. Robinson was married to Alpha L. Miller, who is a daughter of Ralsman and Sarah (Hershey) Miller, former residents of Bath Township, where the former died in 1897, and the latter in 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have had four children, namely: Glenn, who died aged eight years; Pearl; Wayne; and a babe that died in infancy.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the East Granger Disciples Church, in which he is one of the deacons, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically he is a Republican and is serving in his fifth year as township trustee. He is one of the directors in the Farmers' Mutual Cyclone Association, and the Bath Horse Protective Association, and is president of the latter organization. He is a member of the Grange of Bath Center.

IRA L. UNDERWOOD, residing on his valuable farm of 152 acres, situated on the township line road, between Bath and Richfield, in Bath Township, was born in Granger Township, Medina County, Ohio, February 18, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Hannah (Dunsha) Underwood and a grandson of Henry Underwood.

The Underwood ancestors came to New York from Scotland. The grandfather was born in New York and came to Wayne County, Ohio, prior to the birth of his son, Henry Underwood, who was a boy when his parents settled in Granger Township, Medina County. He died in Medina County, but his widow survived some years and died on the farm of her son Ira L., in Bath Township.

Ira L. Underwood was reared in Granger Township, remaining at home until his twenty-first year, when he came to Bath Township, where he has since resided. In 1900, he came to his present property, which is a finely improved tract of land, and here he has engaged in general farming and dairying, keeping about twenty cows. Mr. Underwood also owns a small tract of seven acres in Ghent. He is very well known in his vicinity, and his fellow-townsmen elected him assessor for two terms.

In 1881 Mr. Underwood was married to Louisa Miller, who is a daughter of Ralseman Miller, and to this union there have been born two children: Edith; and Miller H., who married Opal Fulmer.

SMITH D. TIFFT, senior member of the firm of Tifft and Vogan, dealers in carriages and agricultural implements, at Cuyahoga Falls, is a leading citizen and representative business man of this section of Summit County. He was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 13, 1840, and is a son of John D. and Anna (Bangs) Tifft.

John D. Tifft, father of Smith D., was born in the State of New York, and died at Cuyahoga Falls, in 1876, aged seventy years. He remained on the home farm until he reached maturity and then came to Ohio, securing work at Cleveland, where he assisted in clearing the virgin forest from the present sites of the beautiful Wilson and Euclid avenues of that city. After two years at Cleveland, about 1840, he settled at Johnson's Corners, near the present site of Barberton, and in the fall following the birth of his son, Smith D., he came to Cuyahoga Falls. Here he kept a livery stable and also engaged in a meat business. The year 1847 he spent in Chicago, but returned to Cuyahoga Falls, where he became one of the substantial citizens, during the following seven or eight years. An unlucky speculation in hogs caused his business failure and from then to the close of his life, he engaged in the manufacture of numerous patents and machines, of which he was the inventor. He first patented a fanning mill, for cleaning grain, his rights to which he subsequently sold. Later he patented and sold his rights to a certain kind of fence and still later, he patented an invalid's spring bed, also selling his rights in this valuable invention. All of his inventions were of such recognized utility that they came into general use, and before his death he had become again a man of ample means. Early in life he was a Whig, but after 1852 he was identified with the Republican party. He was a man of Sterling character and at the time of his death was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The mother of Smith D. Tifft was born in Vermont and died in 1884. She was the youngest of a family of seven children, all of whom were remarkably long-lived, only two dying before the age of eighty-eight years, and several living to be over ninety. The four children of John D. Tifft and wife to reach maturity were: Smith D.; Eliza M. (deceased), who married W. A. Allen, of Akron; Horace, residing in the Soldier's Home at Dayton, who is a veteran of the Civil War, and Alice, who married Charles Hawn, of Cuyahoga Falls. The mother of this family was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church through life.

Smith D. Tifft was educated in the common and High Schools at Cuyahoga Falls, and entered into business on his own account in the

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meat and cattle industry, in which he continued for eleven years. From 1867 until 1869, Mr. Tifft was in partnership with W. A. Taylor, speculating in cattle, after which he became the "Co." of the then well-known carriage and wagon shop of W. A. Allen & Co. He continued with this firm for nine years and then sold out to his partner and resumed speculating in cattle. Some six months later he started a meat market and continued in the meat business until 1885, when he traded it for a farm, which he operated for one year. He left farming in order to go out on the road as the traveling representative for the milling concern of Howe & Company. Mr. Tifft remained with the above firm until 1891, when he engaged in an agricultural implement business beginning in a modest way and conducting it alone until January 26, 1896, when he entered into partnership with F. D. Vogan. The firm of Tifft & Vogan has prospered from the first and has deserved the name of being the first business house at this place, to handle "everything for the farmer." The business has increased to such proportions that it won the prize—a check for $100—which was offered by the International Harvester Company, of Cleveland, for handling the largest volume of business of that company's products, through a certain area. This could not have come about without excellent business management and a fine quality of goods. Mr. Tifft is interested in other enterprises which contribute to the prosperity and good name of Cuyahoga Falls. He was one of the organizers of the Falls Savings and Loan Association and has been its president for the past eighteen months. He is also a director of the Cuyahoga Falls Savings Bank.

On January 29, 1863, Mr. Tifft was married to Julia E. Allen, a daughter of George Allen, of Cuyahoga Falls. For forty years Mrs. Tifft has been a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Tifft is a liberal contributor to its various beneficent enterprises. Politically, Mr. Tifft is a Republican, and he served as village clerk for six years. In 1863, he united with the Masons and is a member of Star Lodge, No. 187, at Cuyahoga Falls.

GEORGE T. BISHOP, formerly president of the Northern Texas Traction Company, and president of the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Street Railway, for many years has been prominently identified with electric railways and has also been concerned in other important business enterprises, but since 1901 he has made his summer home on his farm in the township where his boyhood was spent. Mr. Bishop was born at Ravenna, Ohio, October 11, 1864, and is a son of Clark Benjamin and Arvilla (Taylor) Bishop.

Mr. Bishop's American ancestors were of New England birth and training: His great-grandfather, Benjamin Bishop, on the occasion of Lafayette's visit to America, in 1824, took that Revolutionary hero and friend of Washington from Burlington, Vermont, to Montpelier, that State, in a coach drawn by four white horses, with outriders.

Mr. Bishop's grandfather, Orin Azro Bishop, was born at Richmond, Vermont. He married Celina Lillie, who, like himself, graduated at the Jericho Academy, at Jericho, Vermont, and who after her graduation taught school. In 1831, after their marriage, they came to Northfield Township, where life must have seemed crude and hard in those early days. Here Grandfather Bishop erected a log cabin west of Northfield Center, and in 1838 built a tavern or public house, which still stands, as a landmark, on the southwest corner of the Square at Northfield Center. This was the first tavern in Northfield Township, a commodious two-story building which was quite a notable building in its prime, and was conducted under the name of the *Washington* Inn. By the premature discharge of a cannon, on training day, Mr. Bishop was so injured that he died one year after the accident. His three children were: Clark B., George L. and Orin Azro.

Clark Benjamin was born September 12, 1833, in the little log cabin home in Northfield, and was reared to his father's pursuits. After his marriage he removed to Ravenna, Ohio, where he engaged with his father-in-law, in conducting a hotel, and during the

Civil War they operated the Exchange Hotel, but in 1866 Mr. Bishop took charge of the American House, in Cleveland. Returning to Northfield in 1873 he purchased the farm one and one-fourth miles west of Northfield Center, returning to the quiet of country life as a means of regaining his health. Eight years on the farm restored him to his former robustness and on his son George T. Bishop's seventeenth birthday, he returned to Cleveland. He died April 3, 1899. During his residence in Northfield Township, he served in public offices and was a representative man of his section. Politically, he was identified with the Republican party. He was a member of Summit Lodge, No. 281, F. & A. M., of Twinsburg.

On September 17, 1862, he married Arvilla Taylor, who died February 3, 1904. She was a daughter of Timothy Taylor, of Twinsburg. They had two sons, George T. and Hal F., the latter now residing at Cleveland.

George T. Bishop's boyhood was mainly passed in Northfield Township. In his seventeenth year he accompanied his father to Cleveland, and in the following year entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, in the traffic department. He was connected with the steam railroad business until 1895, during the last few years being general agent of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad. In the above mentioned year he became interested in financing and building electric railroads. He was president of the Northern Texas Traction Company, which built and financed the pioneer interurban electric railway of Texas, the line connecting Dallas and Fort Worth. After disposing of his interests in Texas, Mr. Bishop became interested in other sections and, as mentioned above, fills the office of president of a very important electric line, which has great future possibilities. He is a director of the Cleveland Trust Company and is concerned in a number of other enterprises in different sections.

In 1901 Mr. Bishop gave way to a natural impulse in turning to the home of his childhood, purchasing the old Baum property and converting it into an elegant summer home. Mr. Bishop has not spared expense in improving the old place and his improvements include making over the public highway in the vicinity. Mr. Bishop received a hearty welcome from his fellow citizens of Northfield Township. He has named his place *Sagamore Summit,* the latter part of the name being suggested by its natural elevation, which is among the highest in Ohio, and the former coming from the beautiful stream of water named Sagamore Creek, which has its rise on his farm. The Common Council of Macedonia, in recognition of his public-spirited enterprise in repairing the highway, voted that henceforth it should bear the name of Sagamore Road.

Mr. Bishop owns some of the finest Jersey stock in this section of Ohio, taking a great deal of interest in it, but not engaging in farming to any extent.

Mr. Bishop married Anna L. Swearer, who is a daughter of Alfred Swearer, of Brownsville. He is affiliated with the Republican party but is not active. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to Tyrian Lodge, F. & A. M., of Cleveland; Webb Chapter, R. A. M.; Oriental Commandery, K. T.; Lake Erie Consistory, and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

THOMAS BLACKBURN, a well-known citizen and retired farmer of Hudson Township, was born October 9, 1833, near Gainsborough, on the River Trent, Lincolnshire, England, and is a son of William Blackburn, who died during the Civil War.

Thomas Blackburn came to America in 1858 and located at Peninsula, with his brother John, who had come to America four years previously. In September, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Battery D, First Ohio Light Artillery, under Captain Conkle, and after the close of his first enlistment, he re-enlisted in 1863, and was honorably discharged July 15, 1865. His first service was in the Western army but

after the Atlanta campaign, he was connected with the Southern force.

After his return from his military service Mr. Blackburn rejoined his brother at Peninsula, and in the following year was married and then settled on a farm which was owned by his father, in Hudson Township. It contained sixty-six acres and he rented the estate for five years, and cultivated it until six years since. To the original tract he added sixty-eight acres, and to this his son has added eighty more, making 215 acres. It is well stocked, and under the careful management of Mr. Blackburn and son, has been developed into a fine place. The aged mother lived with Mr. Blackburn until her death, at the age of ninety-three years, during the latter part of her long life being blind. Mr. Blackburn has two brothers, namely: John, who lives near Peninsula; and Henry, who lives at Cleveland.

On April 10, 1868, Mr. Blackburn was married to Hannah Cowley, who was also born in England, being four years of age when her parents brought her to America. They were Joseph James and Hannah (Hunt) Cowley. Her father settled at Middlebury, where he carried on a blacksmith business. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn have had six children, as follows: Florence J., Harry James, Lotta, Mary Edna, and two who died in infancy. Florence J. married Frederick Stauffer and at her death, January 6, 1903, left two children: Alice and Louise. Harry James married Clara Shaffer, and they have four children: Grace Augusta, Meta Aileen, Helen and Harriet. On May 13, 1898, he enlisted for three years as first lieutenant of Company B, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served under General Shafter at Santiago, Cuba and was honorably discharged at Wooster, Ohio, November 21, 1898. Prior to the Spanish-American War he had been a member of the Ohio National Guards, entering April 23, 1893, in the following July was made corporal, on May 12, 1894, sergeant, on June first, 1896, second lieutenant, and first lieutenant, July 15, 1896. After the close of the Spanish-American War he retained his commission as first lieutenant, and in September, 1899, he was elected captain and so continued until he resigned his commission in 1902, when he was honorably discharged. He is bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Akron. Mr. Blackburn's second daughter, Lotta, married R. E. Miller, and they reside in Hudson and have one daughter, Claire Louise.

In politics, Thomas Hudson is a Republican. For twelve years he served as a trustee of Hudson Township and took an active interest in public affairs. He is a member and liberal supporter of the Congregational Church. He belongs to W. T. Sherman Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Blackburn is serving her fifth year as president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

L. H. OVIATT, county commissioner of Summit County, residing at Hudson and owning farming and cattle interests near Hudson, has his official residence in the Court House at Akron. He was born in Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1860, and is a son of Salmon F. Oviatt.

The grandfather of Mr. Oviatt was Benjamin Oviatt, who, with his brother, Herman Oviatt, came to Ohio from Connecticut, and settled near Hudson, Summit County, in 1802, when this whole country was a wilderness. Benjamin Oviatt resided there until 1847, when he removed to Twinsburg Township, where he lived until his death. Salmon Oviatt, father of L. H., resided at Hudson, where he was born in 1827, until his father moved to Twinsburg Township, and he still resides on the same farm, having reached the age of eighty years. He has long been a prominent citizen of that section.

L. H. Oviatt was reared and educated at Twinsburg and subsequently became an extensive farmer and cattle raiser. Ever since attaining manhood he had been active in politics, and has served in all the important township offices, having been a member of the School Board, assessor and trustee. In the fall of 1901, Mr. Oviatt was first elected county commissioner, and assumed the duties

of the office in the fall of 1902. His re-election took place in the fall of 1904. Mr. Oviatt has been chairman of the building commission for the erection of the Court House, and is also a member of the Summit County Agricultural Socity.

Mr. Oviatt was married in September, 1881, to Nina E. Slocum, who is a daughter of John Slocum, who was born in New York and became later a resident of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Oviatt have two children: Ida, who is the wife of Silas E. Sawyer, who is engaged in a grocery business at Falls Junction, Ohio, and Fayette L., residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Oviatt are members of the Congregational Church at Twinsburg. Mr. Oviatt is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

KENT A. FULMER, a representative citizen of Bath Township, who owns forty acres of excellent farming land one mile east of Hammond's Corners, was born in Sharon Township, Medina County, Ohio, February 27, 1862, and is a son of Jacob and Matilda (High) Fulmer.

Jacob Fulmer was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and as a young man removed to Wayne County, Ohio, subsequently going to Sharon, Medina County, where for thirty years he was in the potash business. He then engaged in farming, and at the time of his death, in 1892, owned a tract of seventy-one acres, in Sharon Township. Mr. Fulmer was married to Matilda High, who is a daughter of Abraham and Hettie (Whistler) High, the former of whom was an uncle of County Treasurer U. G. High, of Summit County. Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer had the following children: Ida E., who married William Wagar; Norman L., Kent A., Jennie E., who married Alexander Steese; Abbie, who married Harland Ganyard, and one child which died in infancy. Mrs. Fulmer was married (second) to Andrew Kaskey, who died in 1903. Mrs. Kaskey now makes her home with her son, Kent A.

Kent A. Fulmer was reared in Sharon Township, where he carried on farming until he attained his majority, at which time he went to Akron, where, for three years, he worked in the boiler works. He then entered the employ of the Goodrich Rubber Company, with which he remained seven years, after which he worked one year at the Diamond Rubber Works, and for three years more, he was employed at the Whitman-Barnes Rubber Works. In 1900 he purchased his present farm, buying from Jeff Mull, and here he has carried on agricultural pursuits quite successfully, and in addition thereto performs the duties of constable of Bath Township, having been elected to that office in 1901, on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

In January, 1884, Mr. Fulmer was married to Annie Ritchie, who is a daughter of George Ritchie, and they have one child, Opal, who married Miller Underwood.

CHARLES BOLTZ, a well known citizen of Bath Township, who owns 178 acres of fine farming land located about one mile east and one-half mile south of Hammond's Corners, was born June 19, 1866, just south of Ghent, Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Peter W. and Elizabeth (Sheets) Boltz.

Peter W. Boltz was born and reared in Pennsylvania, where he was married. After the birth of three children, Mr. Boltz came to Ohio and settled first in Bath Township, where he engaged in work by the day. Later he rented the present property of J. Hershey, in West Bath, and there resided for eighteen years, but at the end of this time removed to William Hardy's place, one-half mile east of Botzum, in Northampton Township, renting this farm for three years. The next year was spent on the W. B. Doyle farm in Portage Township, and the family then removed to a farm of sixty-seven acres near Harris Mill, in Bath Township, which Mr. Boltz had purchased in the previous year. The house on this farm burned down while Mr. Boltz was sick, and he was removed to the old William Barker farm, where he died while his own house was in course of being rebuilt. Mr. and Mrs. Boltz were the parents of eleven

children, all of whom but one are living, namely: Amelia, who is the widow of W. Bennage; Thomas, who resides at Cuyahoga Falls; Jane, who is the wife of Alfred Carver, of Akron; Charles, Sadie, who is the wife of George Snyder; John, who lives at Akron; Albert, who resides in Bath Township; Sherman and Sheridan, twins, and Carl. Clara died when eleven years of age. Mrs. Boltz still survives and makes her home in Bath Township.

Charles Boltz was educated in the schools of his native section and until marriage resided at home. After this, he and his wife went to housekeeping on a rented farm in Northampton Township, where they resided for one year, then removed to a farm in Bath Township, which they rented for two years, and subsequently located on the old Stephen Dales farm in Copley Township. After two years on this place, they lived at Hammond's Corners, for a year, and then came to the present farm. Mr. Boltz rented a large part of the farm for five years before he purchased it, and to the original tract, he subsequently added sixty-three acres which adjoined it, bringing it up to 178 acres. He carries on general farming and dairying, keeping from ten to twenty cows.

In 1890 Mr. Boltz married Lydia Myers, and they have three children, namely: Edith, Harley and Irma.

BURT DONCASTER, funeral director at Hudson, was born in Tallmadge, Summit County, Ohio, August 1, 1865, and is a son of James and Louise (Collins) Doncaster.

The grandparents of Mr. Doncaster were William and Hannah (Darley) Doneaster, who were born and married in Lincolnshire, England. After coming to America they located at Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, but later moved to Hamden, Geauga County. The grandfather met an accidental death at Chardon.

James Doneaster, father of Burt, was born July 20, 1836, in Streetsboro Township, Portage County, and died at Hudson, March 30, 1906. He learned carriage-making at Tallmadge and followed this trade after coming to Hudson, together with undertaking, becoming a member of the firm of Wadhams & Doncaster, in 1871, later buying Mr. Wadham's interest. He married Louise Collins, who was born at Brimfield, Summit County, August 7, 1837, who was a daughter of John Collins, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. The two children born to this marriage are: Burt and Grace, the latter of whom was born July 13, 1867, and both reside at Hudson. James Doneaster was a Republican in his political views and frequently filled public office, serving many years as township trustee, also as assessor, and for thirty years was superintendent of the Hudson cemetery. He belonged to Hudson Lodge, F. & A. M.

Burt Doncaster was two years old when his parents came to Hudson, where he acquired a common school education. He became an employe of the Adams Express Company and remained with them for twenty years, during one year of that period living at Cleveland, and during three and one-half years at Cuyahoga Falls. He succeeded his father in the undertaking business, and later attended an embalming school at Sandusky. Mr. Doncaster has well-equipped quarters and is prepared to answer every call in his line of business.

On October 23, 1887, Mr. Doneaster was married to Nellie Scott, who was born at Bedford and is a daughter of De Witt Clinton and Adlantha (Acker) Scott. They have four children: Hazel, born January 12, 1889; Harley, born February 3, 1891; Lena Rose, born June 22, 1898, and Clarine Mildred, born June 30, 1902. Mr. Doncaster is a Republican.

HORACE LAWRENCE DEACON, residing on the old home farm, in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, on which he was born May 1, 1833, is one of the representative citizens of this section. His parents were John and Julia Ann (Lawrence) Deacon.

The grandfather of Mr. Deacon was Marmaduke Deacon, who was born in Ireland. In 1805 he came from Washington County,

Pennsylvania, to Summit County, Ohio, buying 160 acres of land in Hudson Township, which was a portion of the present home farm. To his original purchase he added, buying from the Connecticut Land Company, and he became a large owner of valuable lands in this section. His wife, Mary Carter, died in July, 1806, in the little log cabin which had been completed in the previous April. She left motherless the little four-year-old son, John, who was born in Pennsylvania. He grew to sturdy manhood and cultivated 101 acres of the land now owned by his grandson, L. W. Deacon. John Deacon married Julia Ann Lawrence, who was born at Seabrook, Connecticut, in 1813, and was a daughter of Martin Lawrence, who came to Hudson Township in 1817. They had the following children: Horace Lawrence, John Wesley, formerly a resident of Hudson Township, where he died aged sixty years; Mrs. Caroline Campbell, who is deceased; David, residing at Hudson; Mrs. Emily Slubaugh, widow, residing at Cleveland; Cyrus B., who died at Hudson: Edmund, residing in Bath Township; Louis; Lucinda, who is deceased; Frederick, residing at Akron, and Louisa, who married John Musson.

Horace L. Deacon spent his childhood in the old log house which was built by his grandfather. On this land he has continued to carry on agricultural pursuits, and is considered one of the excellent farmers of Hudson Township. He lived for a short time in Boston Township, but his home has mainly been in the vicinity of his birth. On May 12, 1863, he was married to Electa Johnson, who was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Clark and Polly (Ferris) Johnson. Her grandfather came from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Deacon have three children: Emma, who married Frank Oviatt, residing in Northfield Township, have two children, Cliff and Opal; Julia May, who married Van Nostram, residing in Northfield Township, have two children, Mildred and Arleen, and Lawrence, who married Beatrice Della Van Nostram, has had two children, Harold Lawrence, deceased, and Kenneth Samuel. In politics, Mr. Deacon is an independent voter.

JOHN KEMERY, a well-known resident of Bath Township, who owns a fine 160-acre farm, was born March 1, 1842, in Wayne Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel and Susanna (Yergin) Kemery.

Daniel Kemery came to Wayne County, Ohio, from New York, and was here married. He rented farming land in Wayne Township, on which he lived until his death in 1850. He left a widow and five children, namely: Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin Allman; David, who died in the fall of 1906; Caroline, who is the wife of Jared Sheldon; John and Samantha Jane, who married Silas Payne, of Richfield.

John Kemery was about eight years of age when his father died, and the oldest of the children was not more than fourteen. Both he and his brother, David, were put out to work for neighboring farmers at an early age. In 1851 the mother removed to Richfield Township, where she owned a tract of fifteen acres, and there John Kemery was principally reared. The mother died in Richfield Township in 1883. Prior to his marriage, Mr. Kemery was engaged in the lumber business and in operating a sawmill, but afterward settled on a farm he bought in Richfield Township, from which he removed in 1882 to his present property, this being purchased in partnership with Israel Baumgardner, whom he later bought out. Mr. Kemery has made many improvements, including the erection of all the buildings, the clearing of about fifty acres and setting out of trees. He has one of the best cultivated farms in the township and has been very successful in his farming and dairying industries. In 1900 Mr. Kemery served as real estate appaiser of Bath Township.

Mr. Kemery was married in Richfield, in 1865, to Mary A. Peach, who is a daughter of David and Elizabeth Peach, and they have one son, Melvin Orlando, who was born August 31, 1866. He is engaged in farming

the home place. He married Anna Snyder, who is a daughter of Isaac and Pauline (Powell) Snyder.

WILLIAM F. MILLER, general farmer and stockraiser of Bath Township, who resides on his well-improved property of fifty-two acres, was born September 6, 1853, at Canton, Ohio, and is a son of David and Mary (Killinger) Miller.

David Miller was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, and shortly after his marriage he came to Canton, Ohio, where he worked at shoemaking and also carried on farming. In 1856 he removed to Copley Township, Summit County, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres, one mile north of Copley, on which he resided until retiring from agricultural pursuits in 1875, when he removed to Copley Center, and there his death occurred in April, 1904, aged ninety-four years. His wife had died in August, 1876. They were the parents of the following children: Mahlon, who died an infant at Canton, Ohio; Alice, who married Albertus Kellar, of Portage County, Ohio; Caroline, who is the widow of Urias Miller, lives at Battle Creek, Michigan; Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Vickers, who is a farmer of Fulton County, Michigan, and William F.

William F. Miller was reared in Copley Township, and all of his mature life has been spent in farming, with the exception of six years, when he was engaged in teaming at Akron. He remained at home until he was married, when he rented a farm in Copley Township for one year, and then removed to Richfield Township, to what was first called Baldwin's, and later Miller's Corners, just across the Bath Township line. He purchased a farm of eighty acres in 1877, but in 1893, removed to Akron, where he lived for six years, and then returned to his farm for an equal period. In 1905 Mr. Miller sold that farm and purchased his present one.

In 1876 Mr. Miller was married to Mary Goodman, who is a daughter of Peter and Mary (Jackson) Goodman. She was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and moved to Copley when about twelve years of age, at which place the father died in 1888. Her mother still lives at Copley. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following children have been born: Clarence, who died at the age of eighteen months; Marcia, who died when twenty-five years old, was the wife of Harry Brock, and left one child, Clarence Brock, who lives with Mr. Miller; Earl, who is a shipping clerk for a large Cleveland shoe house, married Gertrude Vallen; Maude and Dana, who live at home, and Leta, who died at Akron, aged six years.

PHILIP J. HEINTZ, a highly esteemed resident of Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, where he owns and operates ninety-six and three-quarters acres of excellent farming land, was born in Germany, January 20, 1839, and is a son of Philip and Mary (Baird) Heintz.

Philip J. Heintz was six and one-half years old when his parents left Germany for America, and on June 15, 1845, the family arrived at Akron, Ohio. One month later they removed to Coventry Township, where the father had purchased a farm of fifty acres. On this farm the parents of Mr. Heintz spent the remainder of their lives.

Philip J. Heintz was the next to the oldest and is now the oldest living, of a family of eleven children. He was reared in Coventry Township and was trained to be a farmer on the home place, on which he remained until March, 1878. On Thanksgiving Day, 1877, he purchased his present property, to which he moved when he left the homestead. He erected the house and barn, and after the destruction of the barn by fire in July, 1892, he built his present substantial one, which is 38x66 feet in dimensions.

On November 23, 1865, Mr. Heintz was united in marriage with Mary Hendricks, who is a daughter of Jesse Hendricks. She was reared in Pennsylvania, and when the other members of her family removed to Iowa, she accompanied her sister to Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Heintz have one child: Henry,

who was born August 20, 1869. He is unmarried and helps his father to operate the farm.

EDWARD E. ROGERS, one of Hudson's prominent citizens, who has been identified with its important interests during a long and useful life, was born in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, January 14, 1836. He is a son of Norman and Minerva (Lusk) Rogers, and a grandson of Henry and Mary (Day) Rogers, who came from Massachusetts and settled in Deerfield Township, Portage County, in 1800.

Norman Rogers was born at West Springfield, Massachusetts, and he was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Deerfield Township, where he lived four years and then came to Hudson Township. He became a man of influence here and for a number of terms served as a justice of the peace. In early political life, he was a Whig, but later became affiliated with the Republican party. He died in 1862. He married Minerva Lusk, who was born in New York and died in 1839. She was a daughter of Capt. Amos Lusk, who was an officer in the War of 1812, and his wife, Mary (Adams) Lusk, the latter of whom was a cousin of John Quincy Adams. They had a farm two miles northeast of Hudson. They reared five children, namely: Amos, who died aged eighty years, residing at that time in Michigan; Laura, who died in 1877; Mary, who died in 1895; Horace, who died in 1894; and Edward E. The late Horace Rogers resided with his brother Edward until his death. He was a well-known artist and the work of his pen and pencil may be seen in the old atlas of Summit County.

Dr. Rogers has passed the greater part of his life in Hudson and is one of her most highly esteemed citizens. From the local schools he attended a preparatory course in the Western Reserve, and when twenty-four years of age began the study of dentistry, which he practiced for a short period in Medina County, but afterward returned to Hudson. Occasionally, Dr. Rogers still practices, but to no great extent. For some thirty years, he has also been interested in a fire and accident insurance business, representing some of the leading organizations of the country. Dr. Rogers is identified with the Republican party and has been a leading and influential factor for many years. He served two terms as mayor of Hudson, for twenty-five years was a justice of the peace, and for over that time served as township clerk.

On March 13, 1867, Dr. Rogers was married to Catherine A. Whedon, who was born in the residence which the family occupies, at Hudson, in which she has lived all her life. Her parents were John B. and Catherine (Wells) Whedon, the latter of whom was born in Connecticut, and the former in Ohio. Her father built the present residence and a drug store adjacent, the latter of which he conducted for many years. Mrs. Rogers is an accomplished pianist and for a number of years taught instrumental music. They have two daughters, Elizabeth Minerva and Catherine Wells, both residing at home. The former has been a teacher in the State institution for the Feeble-minded, at Columbus. The latter has been a stenographer at Cleveland. Dr. Rogers and family belong to the Episcopal Church.

COULSON MONROE FOSTER, general farmer and representative citizen of Twinsburg Township, where he operates a large farm, owning 135 1-4 acres, was born in Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 13, 1846, and is a son of Edwin Francis and Ann Elizabeth (Deisman) Foster.

Pardon Foster, the grandfather, came to Summit County from Rochester, New York, when Edwin Francis was nine years of age. The latter grew to manhood here and acquired a large amount of land in Summit County, one farm of seventy-five acres, one of 128 acres, a third of 135 acres, and still another of 180 acres.

Coulson M. Foster attended excellent schools through boyhood and even into manhood, enjoying advantages at Boston, Oak Hill and Brandywine. He remained with his father

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until almost twenty-one years of age, and then spent ten years working by the month, after which he came to his present farm, which he purchased of his sister. This property he has managed very successfully, and in addition has bought a number of timber tracts which he has cleared and sold. Mr. Foster has had accident and sickness to contend with, and has overcome many difficulties which would have completely discouraged a less brave and cheerful man, but in spite of all these drawbacks he has prospered.

On December 31, 1876, Mr. Foster was married (first) to Polly Maria Carter, who died October 4, 1904, after many years of invalidism. Two children were born to this marriage, namely: Martin Monroe, residing at Cleveland, married Blanche Strickler; and Edna Anna, residing in Bedford, who married George Strickler and has two children, Nettie and William. Mr. Foster was married (second) to Rosanna Schuerman, who was born in Germany.

In politics Mr. Foster is a Republican.

CHARLES E. THOMAS, vice president and secretary of the Moody & Thomas Milling Company, at Peninsula, and treasurer of both Boston Township and Peninsula corporation, is a leading citizen of this section of Summit County. He was born in Olmstead Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, March 14, 1861, and is a son of George C. and Rhoda M. (Burrington) Thomas.

George C. Thomas was born in Bangor Township, Franklin County, New York, and died in 1902, aged seventy-eight years. In early manhood he came to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and worked for a number of years in a sawmill, then rented a mill and also purchased a farm in Middlebury. Later he disposed of his first farm and bought the farm in Olmstead Township on which his son, Charles E. was born. Here he also conducted a flour mill. In 1881, in partnership with his son Oscar, under the firm name of George Thomas & Son, he purchased the Peninsula mill, which he operated until 1885, when the property was purchased by Moody & Thomas. Mr. Thomas then retired to his farm in Olmstead Township, where the remainder of his life was spent. He was a man of local consequence, a Republican in his political faith, and for years held township offices. He married Rhoda M. Burrington, who died in 1887, aged fifty-five years. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. They had four children: Oscar, residing at Peninsula; Hattie, who married George Yesberger, residing in Olmstead Township; Charles E., and Edna, who married Sumner Ryder, residing at Cleveland.

Charles E. Thomas was educated in the district schools of Olmstead Township. At the age of eighteen years he went to Cleveland and entered into a flour and feed business with Chandler R. Moody, under the firm name of Moody & Thomas. He made his home at Cleveland until the firm purchased the Peninsula mill in 1885, since which time he has resided at Peninsula.

The Peninsula Mills stand on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River, where there is a natural fall of about six feet. Taking advantage of this, Harmon Bronson, in 1832, tunneled through the rock and secured a good water power of considerable volume without building a dam. This mill, erected in 1832, remained standing until 1902. In 1849 the mill came into the possession of H. V. Bronson, son of the founder, who operated it until 1863, when it was sold to Pomeroy & Fisher, who operated it for three years. Afterwards it changed hands several times until, in 1872, it was bought by W. F. & C. E. Bois, who sold it in 1881 to George Thomas & Son.

In the following year it was completely remodeled, the new firm putting in a full line of rollers, this being the first mill in Northern Ohio to adopt the roller system. In 1885, as noted above, Moody & Thomas secured the mill and operated it continuously until 1902, when, as their large and increasing trade had outgrown the capacity of the old mill, it was razed and the present fine structure took its place. This fine mill, with its modern equipments, was ready for opera-

tion by the beginning of 1903. At this time the firm erected a concrete dam across the neck of the peninsula, increasing the fall of the stream to nine feet, in this way securing ample power to operate the new plant. A corporation was also formed to succeed to the old partnership, the officers being: C. R. Moody, president and treasurer, and C. E. Thomas, vice president and secretary. In addition to the Peninsula property, the company owns a large warehouse and elevator at Cleveland, where an immense business is done in flour, feed, baled hay and straw, and from there the product of their mill is distributed all over the city.

The Peninsula mill and elevator are two buildings in one and stand on a stone foundation. The dimensions of the mill house are 38 by 48 feet, three stories above the basement. The elevator part is 38 by 24 feet, while the wheat bins have a capacity of 25,000 bushels. The power for the wheat mill is furnished by a 48-inch Little Giant water-wheel, and the power for the elevator and feed side by a 36-inch wheel of the same make. The construction is such that the power of these wheels can be united at any time. The mill machinery is all of the latest and most modern type, heating is done by a steam system and power transmission is so arranged that by throwing clutches in or out, any part of the mill can be stopped and started without affecting the rest.

In addition to his large interests as above stated, Mr. Thomas owns a fine stock farm of 140 acres, which he purchased in 1905 of Horace Beers. He has about one-half of the farm under cultivation, but makes a specialty of raising Duroc red swine. He also raises horses and cattle for market, keeping about twenty-one head of cattle at all times. He personally supervises operations but has two trained men to look after his farm and stock business. It is a fine property and his industries there would be an ample fortune for a man without additional enterprises.

Mr. Thomas married Georgia Johnson, who is a daughter of Adair H. Johnson, a well-known resident of Peninsula. They have had three children, the two survivors being Amy and Henry. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In politics Mr. Thomas is an ardent Republican and on many occasions has been elected to office on that ticket. He has frequently served as trustee of Boston Township, and for a decade has been treasurer both of the township and of the town. He belongs to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 266, F. & A. M., of Richfield; also to General Sheridan Lodge, K. P., of Hudson; to the Elks, at Akron, and to the Maccabees at Peninsula.

HENRY MYERS, residing on his valuable farm of 159 acres, situated in Hudson Township, is a representative citizen of this section and is a man who in a large degree commands the respect and enjoys the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1832, and is a son of Philip and Margaret (Brode) Myers.

The father of Mr. Myers was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of John Myers, who was born at Newark, New Jersey. The grandfather had two brothers in the Revolutionary War, both of whom were killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Philip J. Myers owned a farm of some 300 acres in Northampton County and subsequently operated a store in Luzerne County. Henry Myers has one brother and four sisters. The former resides in the old home neighborhood. His sisters are: Mrs. Christiana Lutsey, residing at Green Bay, Wisconsin; Mrs. Maria Spade, residing at Dorrance, Luzerne County; Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, residing at Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Priscilla Jones, residing in Slocum Township, Luzerne County.

When he was about twenty-one years of age, Mr. Myers went to Shalersville, where he was clerk in a hotel for three months, and then bought a farm adjoining his wife's property in Freedom Township, and engaged in farming. For two years, while living in Luzerne County, he was fireman on the railroad,

and he was the first fireman and his brother George was the first engineer that ever ran a train over that part of the Pennsylvania system. He subsequently sold both farms and came to Hudson, and bought a farm of 102 acres for a son who was educated in the Western Reserve College. In 1902, he sold his own farm of seventy-two acres.

On June 20, 1857, Mr. Myers was married to Ruth Ann Woodruff, with whom, in 1907, he has had the privilege of celebrating their *Golden Wedding*. Mrs. Myers was born at Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut, and is a daughter of Col. Daniel Woodruff, who served as an officer in the War of 1812, as coast guard in Connecticut. A cannon ball fired during that time is preserved in the family, its mission to the fort having been the killing of Col. Woodruff and his brave men, which fortunately it did not accomplish. He lived to establish a home first in Hudson and later in Freedom Township, to which he moved in the spring of 1840, where he died in 1855. He married Sarah Ann Mills, who was born in Connecticut. Colonel Woodruff was county surveyor of Portage County, before Summit was divided from Portage. Mrs. Myers is the only living cousin of John Brown, of immortal fame. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have one son, Daniel Woodruff. He was born in Freedom Township, and was a student in the Western Reserve College before it was moved to Cleveland. Daniel W. Myers was married (first) to Lelia J. Bediant, and they had four children: Maud Eliza and Mabel Anna, twins, and Marian and Daniel Woodruff, Jr. Mr. Myers was married (second) to Carris P. Downing, and their one little daughter, Margaret Janette, died aged three months and one day.

Henry Myers is a Republican in politics and has served as supervisor of his district. He is a member of the Congregational Church at Freedom, and is a liberal supporter of church and educational movements.

I. S. MYERS, county treasurer of Summit County, elect, is president of the I. S. Myers Company, one of the leading clothing houses at Akron, in which city he has maintained his home for about a quarter of a century. He was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1862, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Stump) Myers.

Peter Myers was one of the early settlers in Stark County, just across the line of Summit County. In 1860 he moved to Green Township, Summit County, of which township he later became a prominent citizen, serving as one of its trustees. He was a self-made man and was very highly esteemed. The mother of I. S. Myers was a daughter of John Stump, who came with his wagons across the wild country from Pennsylvania, and settled in Franklin Township, Summit County, in 1832. He was one of the newly-settled region's most reliable and substantial men.

I. S. Myers remained on the home farm, assisting with the farm work and in the meantice acquiring a good education in the local schools, where he began teaching at the age of seventeen, when he came to Akron and engaged as a clerk in a clothing store until 1893. He then embarked in a clothing business for himself, under the firm name of Myers, Ganyard & Stump, which firm continued for one year, when Mr. Stump sold his interest and the firm name became Ganyard & Myers, until 1900, when Mr. Myers bought his partner's interest. In 1902 the firm of the I. S. Myers Company was incorporated, with a capital stock of $55,000, with I. S. Myers as president. This is an extensive business and its method are along modern line. A branch store is operated at Wadsworth, which is also doing well. The firm deals in clothing and manufactures hats, having both a large wholesale and retail trade, and gives constant employment to from twenty-eight to thirty people. A marked feature of its management is that all employes who have continued with the firm for a certain length of time, have a financial interest in the company, this liberal policy resulting in a better feeling and more satisfactory results than seem to prevail in many large concerns where different methods are followed. The Wadsworth store is a fine concrete structure, 114 by 80 feet in dimen-

sions, while their Akron establishment is a three-story building, 30 by 100 feet, with a basement. Mr. Myers is also the owner of a plant for the manufacture of concrete blocks.

In the fall of 1906 Mr. Myers was elected to the important office of county treasurer, and a better selection could scarcely have been found. He is a man of great business faculty, has proven himself an able financier in his own affairs, and commands the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens for his personal high character. He assumes the duties of the office in September, 1907.

In 1887, Mr. Myers was married to Mary Sisler, of Manchester, who is a daughter of the late John Sisler. They have one daughter, Ruth, who is a student at Painesville, Ohio.

Mr. Myers belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Elks, both at Akron.

G. E. GARDNER, M. D., an experienced physician and surgeon, who has been engaged in practice at Barberton since the autumn of 1905, coming to this place from a field of successful professional work in Wayne County, was born near Danville, Knox County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Mary (Breekler) Gardner.

Dr. Gardner spent his boyhood on his father's farm and obtained his primary education in the country schools. His inclinations did not lead him in the direction of an agricultural life and as soon as the opportunity offered he began the study of medicine, reading for two years with Dr. Black, a physician located in the village of Democracy, near Danville, and two years more, with Dr. William Balmer, at Mt. Vernon, during this time also attending the Normal School at Danville. Dr. Gardner entered Starling Medical College, where he was graduated April 5, 1891. His high medical standing brought him the appointment of house physician of St. Francis Hospital, at Columbus, where he served one year, and this was followed by a year at St. Anthony's Hospital. He thus gained what every young medical man desires, hospital practice and experience, before entering upon regular professional work.

In May, 1893, Dr. Gardner took up his practice at Doylestown, Ohio, where he remained until 1905, when he came to Barberton. In 1896 he was elected county coroner of Wayne County, on the Democratic ticket, and served two years in that office. He has met with a hearty reception at Barberton, has gained the confidence of the community and has a satisfactory professional connection. His offices are located on the corner of Baird and Fourth Streets, Barberton.

On September 29, 1897, Dr. Gardner was married to Abbie M. Trotter, who is a daughter of Joseph Trotter, of Doylestown, Wayne County. They have two children, Mary and Geraldine. Dr. Gardner and family belong to St. Augustine Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the Elks, of the Knights of St. John, and of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

HARVEY A. SNYDER, M. D., physician and surgeon, at Barberton, was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John G. and Susanna (Kepler) Snyder.

Dr. Snyder had the advantage of country rearing, remaining through boyhood and youth on his father's farm in Coventry Township. After completing the common school course, he taught three terms in his native township and then entered Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, and was graduated in the classical department in 1896, when he resumed educational work. For two years he served as school superintendent at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, and for the same length of time filled the same office at Kirkland, Washington. Prior to going to Washington, Dr. Snyder had commenced his medical studies in the Pacific Coast Medical School, now known as the Hahnemann Medical College, during this period teaching medical Latin in the institution. In 1903, he entered the senior class of the Cleveland Medical College, and was graduated in the spring of 1904. Prior to locating at Barberton, he served as an interne at the Huron Street Hospital, Cleveland, where he gained valuable experience. He is

an active member of the Northern Ohio Medical Society.

Dr. Snyder's fraternal connections are with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, and is examining physician for the latter organization.

On September 5, 1907, Dr. Snyder was married to Bessie Banning of Stow Corners, a daughter of J. H. Banning, a resident of that place.

H. B. MANTON, treasurer of the Robinson Clay Product Company, with which he has been identified ever since leaving school, was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1867, and is a son of the late James B. Manton, who was one of the founders of this industry.

M. B. Manton was reared and educated at Akron, graduating from the Akron High School in 1886, immediately becoming bookkeeper for plant No. 4, of the Robinson Brothers Company. In 1891, he was made secretary of the Crown Fire Clay Company, at Canal Dover, Ohio, which office he held until 1894, when he came to the main office and held official position in the different departments. When all the plants were merged under the style of the Robinson Clay Product Company, in 1902, Mr. Manton was made treasurer. He is interested in other enterprises and is a director of the Second National Bank.

In 1892 Mr. Manton was married to Mary B. Seiberling, and they have two children: Margaret and Harriet. Mr. Manton and family belong to the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member of its Board of Trustees. He belongs to the Portage Country club.

H. H. GIBBS, secretary, treasurer and general manager of The Buckeye Sewer Pipe Company, and secretary and treasurer of The Summit Sewer Pipe Company, at Akron, has been a resident of this city since he was ten years of age. He was born at East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1861, and is a son of Henry A. and Eliza (Parker) Gibbs.

The late Henry A. Gibbs was born in Connecticut, October 4, 1834, and while he was a boy, after several removals, his parents settled at East Liverpool, Ohio, where Henry attended school and worked in the pottery shops, first assisting his father and later making the manufacture of pottery the main business of his life. At the time of his death he was associated with a number of Akron's leading business enterprises and was a man of large means which he had accumulated honestly through the avenues of trade. In 1862, Henry A. Gibbs enlisted in the 115th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. During his term of service, while sick in a hospital, a mistake was made in the administration of his medicine on one occasion which produced gastric troubles from which he never recovered and which, in all probability hastened his death. He was an honored member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Akron. He was connected with the Odd Fellows at East Liverpool. Mr. Gibbs was a resident of Akron for about thirty-six years, during a part of this time being employed in the Whitmore-Robinson factory. Later, when he found that the William Shenkle property was about to prove a failing investment, he showed his business acumen by purchasing the property, with his sons, and until his death the business was operated as the Ohio Stoneware Company.

On March 8, 1856, Mr. Gibbs was married to Mrs. Eliza Parker, a young widow and a resident of East Liverpool, who had two children: George Parker, who is president and general manager of the Ohio Stoneware Company, and Mrs. Charles Chapman, of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs had two sons, E. H. and H. H.

H. H. Gibbs was reared and educated at Akron and when he entered into business it was in the capacity of bookkeeper for the Strawboard Company, with which he remained one year and for two years was associated thus with the Akron Coal and Iron Company, of Buchtel, Ohio. In 1882, he

became bookkeeper for the Buckeye Sewer Pipe Company, of which he is now so important a part, and great credit is due him for the strength which has been introduced into this business organization. He is vice-president of the Central Savings and Trust Company; is a director in the Permanent Savings and Loan Company; a director in the Cleveland-Akron Bag Company, which was consolidated with the Akron Paper Company, of which he was one of the prime movers. In July, 1889, Mr. Gibbs, with other members of the family, organized The Summit Sewer Pipe Company.

In 1883, Mr. Gibbs was married to Elanor Lucretia Baldwin, who is a daughter of the late Joseph A. Baldwin. Mr. Gibbs is a member of the First Congregational Church.

JOHN WINFIELD ESSIG, one of the enterprising young agriculturists of Green Township, where he is cultivating 140 acres of excellent farming land, was born on his father's farm in Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, November 7, 1880, and is a son of John A. and Julia (Oberlin) Essig.

Adam Essig, the great-grandfather of John W., secured land from the Government, in Stark County, Ohio, and his son, Jacob E. Essig, the grandfather, settled on it as one of the early pioneers. The children of Jacob E. Essig were: Sarah, John A., Ida, Simon, Curtis, Charles and two who died in infancy. Sarah married H. Bender, of Michigan and Ida married Calvin Firestone, of Stark County.

John A. Essing was born in Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his mature life. He now resides on his 148-acre farm in Jackson Township, Stark County, and he is also a part-owner of the farm operated by his son John W., his daughter Bertha also having an interest in this property. Mr. Essig was married to Julia Oberlin, who is a daughter of John Oberlin. He came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, when Mrs. Essig was six months old, and died in this section. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Essig, namely: Henry B., of Green Township, married Clara Swartz; Bertha, residing with her brother, John W.; L. Etta, who married H. A. Hartong, resides at Zion City, Illinois; John Winfield; Magdalena, living at home; and Walter J.; Nancy O.; and William S.

John Winfield Essig received a common school education, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1904, with his sister, Miss Bertha Essig, he came to their present home, which their father had bought of the Samuel Wise heirs, and here he has carried on general farming and as he is enterprising and industrious, his land has proved very productive. In political matters Mr. Essig is a Democrat. Both Mr. Essig and sister belong to the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL HARING, a highly respected citizen of Green Township, who is engaged in general farming, owns 147 acres situated about one mile south of East Liberty. He was born December 2, 1844, in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Louis and Margaret (Kepler) Haring.

Louis Haring came from Pennsylvania to Ohio with his parents in boyhood and they settled in the woods of Green Township. Here he grew to manhood and married Margaret Kepler, who was a daughter of Andrew Kepler, who came to Green Township in 1809, where one of his brothers had settled one year before, Mr. Kepler and his brother being the first settlers in what is now known as Green Township. They entered 320 acres of land lying one mile north by one-half mile east and west, and this they divided lengthwise, Andrew taking the east half, and on this the remainder of his life was spent. The Keplers were friendly with the Indians, who often came to the home of Andrew for food, for which they gave him lead, which they found around Turkeyfoot Lake. The old log barn which was erected by Andrew Kepler is still standing, and is still in use and in good condition, being one of the oldest

barns in Summit County. After marriage Louis Haring and his wife went to housekeeping on a farm one and one-half miles south of the present farm of Samuel Haring, and here were born all of their seven children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Leah Bittler and Samuel.

Samuel Haring came to the farm which he now owns when ten years of age, and here he has practically been located ever since. He now carries on general farming and stockraising, and has a well-improved, fertile property. Mr. Haring was married to Rebecca A. Wise, who was born in Green Township, and is a daughter of William Wise, one of Summit County's early pioneers. To Mr. and Mrs. Haring there were born eleven children, namely: Parvin, who lives in Akron; Orvin, who lives at Manchester, Ohio; Hattie, who married Solomon Kepler of Green Township; Minnie, who married J. O. Wagoner of Akron; Samuel, who lived at Turkeyfoot Lake; Ida C., who married George Cesdorf; Celia who died at the age of twenty-one years; William, who lives at home; Cassie, who married Samuel D. Wolt; Hiram, living in Franklin Township; and Clara A., who married Nelson Miller.

FRANK WARNER, residing on the old Warner home place of ninety acres, which is situated in the northwest corner of Green Township, is a leading citizen of his community. Mr. Warner was born July 28, 1867, in Summit County Ohio, in the old log house that formerly stood on his present farm, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Thornton) Warner.

Samuel Warner, father of Frank, was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, in 1829, his parents having settled there when they came from Pennsylvania. Samuel was the fifth in a family of eight children, the others being: John, William, Jacob, Adam, Abraham, Solomon and Daniel. Samuel Warner grew up on his father's farm and assisted to clear it of the heavy timber which then covered it, doing the work with teams of strong oxen. He married Sarah Thornton, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1900, aged sixty-three years. After marriage, Samuel Warner and wife settled on the present farm, which had belonged to the Thorntons in early days, and found domestic happiness living in the old log house that stood for many years. During the strength of youth and manhood, Samuel Warner was a very industrious man, carrying on his farming and stockraising and also threshing through the country, having one of the old-time horse-power machines, which were then considered entirely adequate. He resides with his son Frank but owns a farm of sixty acres separate from the one under consideration. Six of his large family of children reached maturity, as follows: Harriet; Mary, who married Henry Hauff; Ellen, who married Grant Stahl; William; Frank; and Martha, who married Harvey Rex.

Frank Warner may be said to have spent his whole life on his present farm for here his main interests have always centered. After leaving school he worked for a time in the rubber factories at Akron and the sewer pipe works at Barberton, but shortly returned to the life which makes a man independent, that of a farmer. He has a fine property and he has placed it under an excellent state of cultivation. There is a natural lake on the land which but adds to its value, and the beautiful shade trees around the residence make most attractive surroundings.

Mr. Warner married Bessie Carmany, who is a daughter of Benjamin and Louisa (Bower) Carmany, and they have two children, Marie and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Warner belong to the Evangelical Church. Politically, he is a Republican and for three years he served as township constable.

AMI CORVIN GOUGLAR, general farmer and good citizen of Green Township, residing on his valuable farm of eighty acres, which is situated one mile south of East Liberty, belongs to an old Pennsylvania family which was established in Ohio by his grandfather.

Ami C. Gougler was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, October 8, 1869, and is a son of Samuel and Clarissa (Hartong) Gougler.

Samuel Gougler was a small boy when he accompanied his father, John Gougler, to Green Township, who settled on the farm which is now owned by Henry Obelen. Later, John Gougler moved to Springfield Township, where he died aged eighty-six years. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812. The children of John Gougler were the following: George, Samuel, Betsey and Elias, all deceased except Betsey, who married Jacob King. Samuel Gougler spent the great of his life in Green Township, his occupation being farming, and before he died, in October, 1903, he divided his large estate of 460 acres, situated in this township, so that each of his five children received a farm. His first wife and their one child died early. His second marriage was to Clarissa Hartong, who still survives, residing at Greensburg, where Mr. Gougler had lived retired for six years prior to his demise. The children born to the second union are: Edward, residing in Green Township on his farm; Monroe, also residing on a farm in Green Township; Corella, who married John Foltz; Anna and Clinton.

Ami Corvin Gougler attended the district schools and assisted on the home farm, and has made agricultural work his business in life. Like his sister and brothers, he received his farm from his father, who also erected the fine brick house and substantial barn. In February, 1897, Mr. Gougler was married to Clara Renninger, who is a daughter of Frank and Catherine (Reese) Renninger. The Renninger family is an old and well-known one in Coventry Township. The parents of Mrs. Gougler now reside at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Gougler belong to the Evangelical Church.

JERRY J. GARMAN, an honored old veteran of the great Civil War, who is postmaster at Inland, conducts a general merchandise business at this point. He was born on the corner where his store now stands, in Greensburg, Summit County, Ohio, September 3, 1841, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Husburger) Garman.

Jacob Garman was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and when a young man came with his parents to Ohio. He settled in what is now Green Township, Summit County, then a part of Stark County, but later removed to a hotel that stood on the present site of J. J. Garman's store. This hotel was destroyed by fire in 1841. Mr. Garman was a skilled carpenter, and helped to build the brick hotel near the Little Reservoir, which is still standing. He spent his latter years on a farm near Greensburg, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Garman was married to Elizabeth Husburger, who was a daughter of John Husburger, and she survived her husband for some time, dying at the age of seventy-seven. They were the parents of eight children: William; Margaret, who married E. Foster; Harry; Jerry J.; Frank, who died at the age of nineteen years; Catherine, who married John Souers; Samuel, who died when seventeen years old; and Jacob.

Jerry J. Garman spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and attended school, first in the old log district schoolhouse, and later a small brick school-house. At the age of eighteen years he went to Canton and commenced work in the Aultman Harvester Company, but at the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Captain Wallace, and served throughout the war. Throughout the long and bitter struggle Mr. Garman served his country faithfully and cheerfully, and his gallantry in action soon won him the rank of sergeant and later that of captain, the rank he held when the war ended. At the close of the war Captain Garman enlisted with the rank of sergeant in Troop M, Second United States Cavalry, and served three years in this company. After having served in the military of his country for so long a time

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Mr. Garman then returned to civil life and began work for the Union Pacific Telegraph Company. He put in the first office equipment at Cheyenne, Utah, which was installed in a tent. After three years spent in the employ of this company he returned to Greensburg, and for some time afterward worked in the Buckeye Works at Akron, also at Canton, Ohio. In 1870, he settled at Greensburg, where he has since remained, for the first five years conducting a hotel, and then embarking in the mercantile business. On May 12, 1897, Mr. Garman was appointed postmaster at Inland by the late President McKinley.

Mr. Garman was married in July, 1870, to Leah Harsberger, and they have two children: Mayme, who married John Halderman, of Akron; and Kirk, who married Gertrude France, of Akron. The latter has two children, George and Mary. Mr. Garman is a Republican.

A. P. JAHANT, proprietor of the Jahant Electric Company, whose plant is located at No. 121 South Howard Street, belongs to an old French family which has been established in Summit County for a period of 100 years. He was born in Akron, in 1881.

A. Jahant, the father of A. P. Jahant, was born in 1845, in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Francis Jahant, who was one of the very early settlers here, coming to this county directly from France. He brought all his effects with him and engaged in farming as a means of livelihood. At that time Canton was a small village and Akron still smaller. A. Jahant was a boy when he came to Akron, where, for many years he was engaged in the manufacture of furnaces.

A. P. Jahant was reared and educated in his native city, and his interests remain centered here. From boyhood he has been interested in experimental electricity, gradually acquiring the knowledge which enables him to safely and efficiently harness this mysterious element. He organized the Jahant Electric Company, of which he is sole owner. He deals in all kinds of electrical appliances and does electrical contracting and repairing.

Mr. Jahant was married September 4, 1907, to Miss Lena M. Henry, of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Jahant is a member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church and he belongs to the order of Knights of Columbus.

JAMES T. FLOWER, proprietor of the Flower Mantel Company, of Akron, was born in this city in 1865, and is a son of the late James Flower, who was formerly a prominent merchant here, where he settled in 1837. James Flower was born in Sheffield, England, and died at Akron, in 1877.

James T. Flower was reared at Akron and obtained his education in the schools of his native city, after which he started to learn his present business, entering the employ of the Akron Cabinet Company. Later he embarked in business for himself, continuing until 1896, when the Flower Mantel Company was organized. After fourteen months, Mr. Flower bought the interest of his partners and since that time has been sole proprietor and is the leading mantel dealer at Akron. He deals also in tile and marble flooring, and keeps a fine stock continually on hand at his place of business on South High Street.

In 1889, Mr. Flower was married to Ella Rothrock, who was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, and they have three children: Esther E., James T. and Rachel S. With his family, Mr. Flower belongs to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Politically, Mr. Flower is a Republican and in 1901 he was elected a member of the School Board on which he has served ever since. He is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM ALLEN McCLELLAN, who is engaged in a general contracting and manufacturing business at Akron, with plant located at No. 273 Water Street, was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio,

December 30, 1838, and is a son of William McClellan, who settled in Springfield Township in 1818.

The McClellan family has long been one of prominence in Summit County and its name frequently appears on the old records which tell the story of how Springfield Township was changed from primeval conditions to its present fertility and civilization. William McClellan married Jane Fite and they had three children, namely: Robert A., Elizabeth Jane, who married Urias Cramer, residing at Wichita, Kansas; and W. A., residing at Akron.

W. A. McClellan was reared on the home farm, where he remained until the age of twenty-one years, in the meanwhile obtaining his education in the schools at Mogadore and at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. For several years prior to coming to Akron, in 1864, he taught school during the winter seasons, but after reaching this city he learned the carpenter trade, at which he has worked ever since. In 1872, he began contracting and may be called the dean of the contracting guild in this city. For twenty-seven years he has operated his own factory on Water Street, and many of the most substantial buildings of Akron have been erected under his supervision. He is a stockholder and director in the People's Savings Bank, of Akron, and he own 2,300 acres of land in Cuba. He has ever been a man of personal enterprise and is numbered with the city's capitalists.

On June 28, 1871, Mr. McClellan was married to Alice R. Russell. Fraternally he is a Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Akron, and for years was treasurer and a director of the Masonic Temple.

J. D. SLATER, a thoroughly representative business man of Akron, president of the Limbert-Smith Plumbing Company and superintendent of the Star Rubber Company, has been a resident of Akron for the past twenty-three years, but he was born at London, England, and was eight years old when his parents came to America.

Mr. Slater was reared and educated at Newton, Kansas, where he resided until the age of twenty years, when he came to Akron For eight years thereafter he worked in the Smith Chemical plant, for the next six years was employed by the Aultman-Miller Company, and then embarked in business for himself. In partnership with J. W. Miller he organized the Faultless Rubber Company, of which he was superintendent until December 15, 1906, when the plant was removed to Ashland, Ohio, Mr. Slater selling his interest in it at this time. Returning from a winter in California, in March, 1907, he re-entered the business field at Akron. In association with H. A. Hine, J. W. Miller, D. B. Duff, of Cleveland, S. E. Duff, of Beaver, Pennsylvania, and others, he organized the Star Rubber Company, an organization still in its infancy, but with every indication of healthy growth and lasting importance. A fine plant has just been erected near that of the Firestone Rubber Company, on a tract covering three and one-half acres. The company is capitalized at $100,000, and its officers are: S. E. Duff, president; J. W. Miller, vice president; H. A. Hine, secretary and treasurer; and J. D. Slater, superintendent. The business of the Star Rubber Company is the manufacturing of druggists' sundries in the rubber line. Mr. Slater has other interests and is president of the Limbert-Smith Plumbing Company, also an important business enterprise of Akron.

In September, 1895, Mr. Slater was married to Sarah A. Hall, a lady born and reared in Akron, a daughter of John W. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Slater have one son, Ernest C. Slater.

JAMES W. ORR, treasurer and manager of the Christy Steel Company, at Akron, has been associated with large manufacturing concerns in this city ever since he left college. He was born at Akron, and is a son of William A. Orr, a prominent journalist of this city.

James W. Orr prepared for an active business life by attending the public schools until he was graduated from the Akron High School, and later the Hammel Commercial College. He secured employment first with D. H. McBride & Company, and second, with F. D. Kridler, remaining one year with each firm, and then became bookkeeper for the Franz Building Company for two years, for three subsequent years was associated with the Barberton Pottery Company, and later with the Sterling Boiler Company, and came from the latter to the Christy Steel Company as treasurer and general manager. Step by step Mr. Orr has steadily advanced until he has secured very substantial standing among the business men of this great manufacturing city.

Mr. Orr was reared a Catholic and is a consistent member of St. Mary's Church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, one of the most influential fraternal organizations in America.

JOSEPH E. WESENER, a resident of Akron for more than sixty years, and for a large part of that time a prominent factor in its business world, was born May 7, 1827, at Frankfort, Pennsylvania, and is one of a family of twelve children born to his parents, who were Christopher and Charlotte Wesener.

The Wesener family settled at Canton, Ohio, in 1840, and there Joseph E. Wesener was employed as a clerk until 1846, when he came to Akron, making the trip on horseback. He resumed clerking here, and by 1850, he had accumulated enough capital to become a partner with the late Allen Hibbard and Gibbons J. Aekley, in a general mercantile business, their place on Howard street being known as the *Old Green Store*. In 1851, they lost by fire, and in the following year Mr. Wesener embarked in business for himself. He later admitted Cornelius A. Brouse and David Wahl to partnership, and continued in the general mercantile line, with some specialties, until 1878, when Mr. Wesener retired from this firm.

In 1880, in partnership with Albert C. Lohman, he opened up a dry goods business in the Academy of Music Building, where the Everett Building now stands, and they conducted the leading store of its kind in Akron until 1882, when Mr. Wesener sold his interest. For over forty years Mr. Wesener was one of the prominent wool-buyers in this part of Ohio. He became a man of large capital and has been a generous distributor of the same. He formerly owned considerable valuable real estate, including a beautiful summer home and a fine farm adjacent to Akron, which have all been disposed of.

Ever since becoming a resident of Akron, Mr. Wesener has been anxious to promote her best interests. In early days he was an active member of the fire department, one of the most important organizations a town could have, when much wood was employed in its construction, and he can recall 100 nights when he responded to the alarm and that on eighteen occasions he was seriously burned. He has been a liberal contributor to both public and private benevolent objects, gave generously to the Memorial Chapel, and presented the tower bell and clock to the First Congregational Church.

On September 8, 1849, Mr. Wesener was married (first) to Philura Spalding, who died July 6, 1852. She was a daughter of Judge Rufus Spalding. The three children of this union all died in infancy. Mr. Wesener was married (second) to Anna J. Hopkins, who died January 1, 1876. On September 5, 1876, Mr. Wesener was married (third) to Alphonsine D. C'e Chevier. They have four children: Joseph E., Mary A., Anna C., deceased, and Henry Huntington. The beautiful family home is situated at No. 22 Nelson Place. Mr. Wesener lived for over fifty years at No. 129 North High Street, the former home of Judge Spalding.

Politically, Mr. Wesener is a Republican. In 1851 he served on the Board of Infirmary directors of Summit County, and in 1855 and 1856, he was village recorder, but for many years past he has taken no active in-

terest in politics. The family belong to the Episcopal Church.

JOHN B. CAMPBELL, president and manager of the McNeil Boiler Company, at Akron, has been identified with Akron enterprises and interests since 1873. He was born at Clinton, Summit County, Ohio, in July, 1864, and is a son of John D. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell bears a distinctive Scottish name and is of Scotch parentage, his father having been born in the Highlands. The latter came to Summit County about 1832, and subsequently was superintendent of the old Chippewa coal mines. He now lives retired, at the home of his son, John B., having reached the age of seventy-five years.

J. B. Campbell completed his education in the Akron High School and then became an employe of the Akron Sewer Pipe Company, for one year. He then came to the McNeil Boiler Works, where, from rivet driver he worked up, step by step, until he has become president and general manager of this large industry. He is interested in other business enterprises, and is a member of the board of directors of the Akron Base Ball club.

On September 15, 1886, Mr. Campbell was married to Margaret M. Berger, who is a daughter of Alexander Berger. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Akron.

Fraternally, Mr. Campbell is a 32nd degree Mason, an Odd Fellow and an Elk.

JACOB LAUBY, general farmer and trucker, who cultivates seventy-one acres of land in Green Township, was born on his father's place east of Greensburg, Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, April 27, 1851, and is a son of John A. and Elizabeth (Steib) Lauby.

John A. Lauby was born in Germany, and there learned the weaving trade. He came to America in 1839, settling near Canal Fulton, Ohio, but two years later removed to Green Township, Summit County, where he continued to follow his trade until his death in November, 1867. In his native country he was married to Elizabeth Steib, who died in 1898, and they had the following children: John G.; Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of S. Yeariek; Henry, who is deceased; Levi; Jacob; and Louisa, who married J. Humbert.

Jacob Lauby was eleven years old when he came with his parents to his present home in Green Township, then a wild tract of land on which was situated a log house, with three windows. This property he helped to clear and has cut down white oak trees that measured five feet across the stump. He attended the district school, and when he reached manhood, he learned the mason's trade, which he followed for some time, during which he assisted to build eight school-houses and many dwellings in this section.

Until his marriage, he resided at home, but since then has been engaged on his own account, having purchased his property from his father's other heirs. He carries on general farming and raises early vegetables for a trucking business, finding ready sale for all he can produce, at Canton. He has replaced all the original buildings on the farm and has made many improvements.

In March, 1883, Mr. Lauby was married to Mrs. Ellen Goodyear, who was born at Greentown, Stark County, Ohio, and is the widow of Charles Goodyear. She had one daughter, Pearl, who married M. Marker of Barberton, Ohio, and they have three children, Marie, Ray Benton, and Daisy Belle. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lauby: Dora Alice, and Walter Edwin. The former married Thomas Gross, and they have one child, Roy Edwin. Walter Edwin is a school teacher. In politics, Mr. Lauby is a Democrat. With his family, he attends the Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. WARNER, residing on his excellent farm of fifty acres, which is situated in Coventry Township, is a member of one of the pioneer families of this section. He was

born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, December 5, 1847, and is a son of Adam K. and Elizabeth (Renninger) Warner.

Adam K. Warner was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Ohio in infancy by his parents, Henry and Mary Warner, who settled at a very early day in Coventry Township. For a number of years they lived in the same old log house, which had been their earliest home. On one occasion the other members of the family returned to find the aged father sleeping his last sleep, in his old arm chair. He was the father of eight stalwart sons, all of whom became leading men in Summit County, and all survive, with the exception of Adam K. and Daniel. They were named as follows: John, Abraham, Solomon, William, Samuel, Daniel, Adam K. and Jacob. Two of the above, William and Jacob, served in the Union army during the Civil War and are members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Adam K. Warner assisted his father and brothers to clear off the farm and with the latter attended the old log school-house where they learned to read and write. In early manhood he was married to Elizabeth Renninger, who was born in Coventry Township and died here in 1895, aged sixty-six years. She was the eldest of eight children born to her parents, John and Mary Renninger, who journeyed to Ohio from Pennsylvania, with an ox team. They settled in the woods in Coventry Township and, like other early settlers, cut down many dollars' worth of valuable timber in clearing up their land. John Renninger died on his farm in advanced age. His widow died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Weaver, at Loyal Oak. The Renninger children were: Elizabeth, Catherine, Rebecca, Mary, Susan, Solomon, George and John. They have numerous descendants and it is a pleasant custom with them to hold family reunions at stated times. Adam K. Warner died in 1897, aged seventy-two years. The children of Adam K. Warner and wife were: Henry, who is deceased; John A.; Mariah, who married D. Rothroek; Jane, who married R. A. Messner; Levina, who married Frank Bowers; and George and Frank.

John A. Warner attended the district school in boyhood and was well grounded in reading, writing and arithmetic, the foundation stones of all book learning, but he began hard work on the farm when but twelve years old, even then being able to handle a plow very effectively. Although he has carried on farming for many years, he has a natural talent for working with machinery, and when he was nineteen years of age he learned wagon-making and conducted a shop of his own at East Liberty, until 1874. He then turned his attention to the threshing business, and he operated a threshing machine and a steam sawmill up to recent years. He was one of the early threshers traveling through this section and was a very capable and successful one. In 1894 he purchased his present farm from George Shutt, since when he has carried on general farming and has done many dollars' worth of improving on his valuable property.

On December 21, 1871, Mr. Warner was married to Hattie O. Rininger, who is a daughter of Christian and Rachel Rininger, who reared a family of seven children, namely: Lucinda, Mary, William, Christina, Maria, Hattie O. and Sadie. The father of Mrs. Warner died in Green Township, aged seventy-five years, and the mother, aged sixty-two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have had three children, namely: Ofie, who died aged two years and five months; Chloe, who married Byron Bowers, residing near Mr. Warner, has three children, Ralph, Howard and Myron; and Russell Glen, who resides with his father. The Warners are Democrats. They belong to the Evangelical Church.

C. A. KEMPEL, one of Akron's substantial citizens and representative men of business, who is engaged in a general mercantile line at No. 264 Wooster Avenue, was born at Akron, Ohio, in 1860, and is a son of the late George Kempel.

The father of Mr. Kempel was born in Germany and came to Akron in boyhood. In 1849, when twenty years of age, he was one of a party of forty miners who left Akron and went to California, where he remained for three years. He then came back to Akron and subsequently married Barbara Honoddle. They had five children, the three survivors being: F. J., residing at Ashtabula Harbor; C. A. and George, both living at Akron. For some years the father of the above family engaged in a shoe business at Akron and later in a brewery business, continuing in the latter until within two years of his death, which occurred in 1867. He was a well-known citizen.

C. A. Kempel learned the tinning trade after leaving school and followed it for four years and then went into the grocery business. This he developed, gradually adding to his stock, until now he operates a general mercantile store and for the past twenty-one years has been at his present location. He erected his present building, a commodious structure with dimensions of 38 by 57 feet.

In 1885 Mr. Kempel was married to Louise M. Fricker, who is a daughter of the late John Fricker of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Kempel have the following children: Frank, who is a student at Canisius College, at Buffalo; and Caroline, Karl, Florence, Ernest, Freda and Augustine, residing at home. The family belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

R. H. DUNCAN, general farmer, residing in Northfield Township, was in Londonderry Township, Guernsey County, Ohio, March 13, 1858, and is a son of John and Mary Jane (Karr) Duncan.

Adam Duncan, the grandfather, was an early settled in Guernsey County. John Duncan, father of R. H., continued to live on the home farm until 1878, when he moved to Adams Township, where he resided until his death, in 1905, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a man of sterling character and on account of his judgment and reliability was frequently elected to township offices. He married a daughter of Robert Karr, of Coshocton County, Ohio, and they had the following children: R. H.; Martha, deceased, who married Charles Jackson, of Michigan; Mrs. Kenney, residing in Minnesota; Laura, deceased, who married James Dewhuirst, of Huron, Ohio; Andrew Calvin, residing on the home farm in Adams Township; and James Boyd, residing at Cleveland. The mother of the above family died in 1871. She was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church. John Duncan was married (second) to Helen Francy, but no children were born to this union.

R. H. Duncan was reared in the comfortable old home and in boyhood attended the district schools. He was nineteen years of age when, as his services were not needed on the home farm, he started out for himself, coming to Summit County. He found remunerative work as a farm hand for five years, after which he rented a farm for two years and in 1885, he operated a creamery, at New Concord.

In January, 1886, Mr. Duncan married Lillis Means, who is a daughter of A. S. Means, of Northfield Township, and in April of that year settled on the Wilson farm which he rented and operated for the following thirteen years. In December, 1898, he came to the present farm which formerly belonged to his father-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have two children: John Andrew and Lois. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES D. HARDY, a well-known resident of Northampton Township, who follows an agricultural life, cultivating a large body of land, was born in Summit County, Ohio, April 23, 1864, and is a son of Norton Rice and Mary Rebecca (Belden) Hardy.

Norton Rice Hardy was born in Northampton Township, where he received his education in the common schools. When twenty years old he went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, where he remained for one year, engaging in mining, and was for-

tunate enough to locate a paying mine near Georgetown, from which he took considerable gold. Upon the urgent solicitation of his mother, who grieved over his absence, he started home after a year of mining, leaving prospective wealth behind. On the return trip, during a terrible storm, one of the steamer's shafts broke, and even the officers gave the ship up for lost, but good seamanship enabled it to weather the storm, and after repairs were made it completed the voyage. On his return home Mr. Hardy purchased the farm now occupied by his youngest son, Norton, and later he purchased one-half of the old homestead, on which he lived until 1872. He also bought and remodeled the residence at No. 22 West Street, Akron, where he lived retired from then until his death. His widow returned to the farm, where she resided ten years, but after her son's marriage she again made her home in Akron. Mr. Hardy was a Republican in politics, and he served as township trustee. Near the close of the Civil War, he served 100 days in the Home Guards at Cleveland. He was a member of the Odd Fellows at Akron.

Mr. Hardy was married to Mary Sophia Belden, who was born in Boston Township, Summit County, July 27, 1842, and is a daughter of Champion and Mary (Pratt) Belden, natives of Quincy, Massachusetts. Mrs. Hardy's parents came to Boston Township, Summit County, with their two eldest children, and the father died when she was a small child. Their children were: Daniel Chester, Champion Edson, Charles Wright and Mary Sophia. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy had three children: Lilly Rebecca, Norton Rice and Charles D. Mrs. Hardy is a faithful member of the Congregational Church.

Charles D. Hardy began his education in Northampton Township and finished it at Akron, and then returned to the homestead to take charge, at the age of sixteen years. He has continued here ever since, renting the property from the heirs of the estate. It contains 360 acres, Mr. Hardy operating about 250 acres of this, and he owns 270 acres, which he rents out. He gives special attention to his large dairy, keeps on an average twenty-five cows, and sells his milk to the Akron Pure Milk Company. He has a circular silo 12x30 feet, raises from 300 to 400 bushels of wheat, and in addition to what he uses for his stock, markets from fifteen to twenty tons of hay. Mr. Hardy is a Republican in his political principles, and has served as township trustee for two terms and a number of years as supervisor.

Mr. Hardy was united in marriage with Mary Leona Carter, who was born in Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Thomas Carter, an agriculturist of that section. To Mr. and Mrs. Hardy there have been born two children, namely: Margery R. and Daniel C.

CAPT. GURDEN P. HARRINGTON, postmaster at Everett, where he is engaged in a mercantile business, is a leading citizen of Boston Township. He was born in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 16, 1838, and is a son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Thompson) Harrington.

The grandfather, Abraham Harrington, was the founder of the family in Ohio, coming from Massachusetts and settling in Northampton Township, Summit County. Jeremiah Harrington was born in Massachusetts, accompanied his father to Ohio and died in 1842, aged thirty-two years. For a number of years he lived on what is known as the Botzum farm, in Northampton Township. He married Hannah Thompson, who was born in Massachusetts, and was one of a family of eleven children. Her father, Robert Thompson, came to Summit County, where he followed shoemaking, being a traveling workman, carrying his kit of tools from one household to the other, as was the early custom. Jeremiah Harrington and wife had four children: Amanda, deceased; Gurden P.; Betsey, who married Nathaniel Point, of Boston Township, both deceased; and Russell M., deceased. Mrs. Harrington contracted a second marriage, with Walter Hawkins, and they

had one son, Perry W., who resides with Captain Harrington.

The father of Captain Harrington died when he was four years old and he was taken into the family of his uncle, Dudley Thompson. Mr. Thompson shortly afterward removed from Northampton Township to Kent County, Michigan, settling near Grand Rapids, and there his nephew was reared and educated in the public schools. He was about eighteen years of age when he returned to Boston Township and began to work on the canal, beginning as a driver and continuing on the water until he became commander of several boats. For a number of years no man was better or more favorably known to canal men than was Captain Harrington. He purchased the *Ararat,* when it was new, which he ran for a long time, and he was captain of the *Ætna,* in the Akron and Cleveland trade. He commanded a boat during the big wheat trade in 1862, and continued until 1867. For ten years afterward he had charge of a gang of men who made repairs on the canal.

After leaving active work on the water, Captain Harrington worked at wagon-making for several years at Everett, but in 1880 he embarked in his present mercantile enterprise. He owns a first-class general store, which is equipped with modern fixtures, cash register and other improved methods of doing business, and he carries a very complete and well-selected stock of seasonable goods. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster and has continued in office ever since. He is a Republican in his political preference, but disclaims being anything of a politician.

For a number of years Captain Harrington has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 266, F. & A. M., of Richfield, and North Star Chapter, R. A. M., of Bedford. He belongs to the Disciples Church. Captain Harrington has never married.

CHARLES E. BISHOP, a highly esteemed citizen of Peninsula, residing on a fine farm of 250 acres, 160 of which are under cultivation, was born in York Township, Medina County, Ohio, October 27, 1849, and is a son of Zephaniah and Ellen M. (Waterman) Bishop.

The grandparents of Charles E. Bishop were John and Jane (Wilson) Bishop, who came to York Township from the state of New York, where they lived during the remainder of their lives. John Bishop died in 1863, aged seventy-five years. Of his children, Zephaniah, father of Charles E. Bishop, was born in New York and was eight years old when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. The family home had probably been at Whitehall, near Lake Champlain, but many of the old family records have been lost and some points cannot be clearly established. This is the case with many of the old families whose ancestors became pioneers in a far distant locality from the original home.

Zephaniah Bishop attended the old Mallet Creek school. With the exception of ten years, which he spent in Litchfield Township, his whole life was passed in York Township, where he owned 125 acres of land, on which he carried on general farming and sheep-raising. In politics he was a Republican and he held various township offices. He married a daughter of Elisha Waterman, who, for many years was one of the leading citizens of Medina County, Ohio. The latter was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a son of a Revolutionary soldier, who served through the whole seven years of that war. In 1843 Elisha Waterman brought his family from Otsego County, New York, to York Township, Medina County, Ohio. He married Diana Young and they had four children, namely: Lawson, Onesimus, Marietta and Ellen. The family of Zephaniah Bishop and wife consisted of three children, namely: Charles E., Henry and Frederick, the latter of whom died at the age of five years. The parents were members of the United Brethren Church. Zephaniah Biship died January 11, 1901, and his widow died September 30, 1907, having reached the age of seventy-nine years.

GEORGE HEINTZ AND BROTHERS

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Charles E. Bishop attended the schools of Litchfield and York Townships, more or less regularly, until he was twenty years of age, after which he came to Peninsula and entered the employ of his uncle, the late Lawson Waterman, for whom he worked for seven years by the month. Since that time he has had entire control of the farm, the management of which requires the work of himself and son, with the assistance of two capable men. The great yield of grain from the farm is used in the feeding of the stock, as each year some stock is fattened and marketed. About twenty cows are kept and many Poland China hogs. The apple orchard covers about six acres and produces choice fruit. This land is valuable in many ways. There are two fine sandstone quarries, one of which was sold to the Cleveland Stone Company in 1897, while the other is leased to the Independent Stone Company, also of Cleveland. Mr. Bishop's residence was built in 1852, by his uncle, and is yet one of the finest in this section. It is situated on an elevation which commands a beautiful view and is surrounded by a well-kept sloping lawn, shaded by trees.

Mr. Bishop married Catherine A. Boodey, who is a daughter of Merrill Boodey, of Peninsula, and they have one son, Fred.

In politics, Mr. Bishop is nominally a Republican, but, like many thoughtful men of the times, reserves the right to vote independently on many questions. Fraternally he is connected with Meriden Sun Lodge, No. 266, F. & A. M., of Richfield.

For some years Mr. Bishop has given a great deal of attention to promoting athletics at Peninsula, especially the great national game of base ball. For the past five years he has managed the ball team at this point, which is made up entirely of local players and it has developed considerable talent. He is a broad-minded, genial man, one whom it is pleasant to know, and one who enjoys wide popularity in the community where he has passed the most important years of his life.

GEORGE HEINTZ, general farmer, residing on his well-improved farm of fifty acres, situated in Coventry Township, about two miles south of the city limits of South Akron, was born in an old log house, on his present farm, January 28, 1847, and is a son of Phillip and Mary (Beard) Heintz.

Phillip Heintz, father of George, was born in Germany, in 1810, and went to school until it was time to learn a self-supporting trade, when he chose that of weaver, although he was apt in almost any kind of mechanical work. He then served his allotted time in the Germany army. He married Mary Beard and after the birth of four children, they decided to emigrate to America. They took passage in a sailing vessel March 15, 1845, and spent forty days in covering the distance which the ocean steamers of the present day cover in seven days. They landed safely, however, and in a few weeks were settled on the farm which George Heintz now owns. At the time they came here the land was not very attractive, as a large amount of timber was still standing and burnt stumps marked the spots where the trees had been cut, but the ground was fertile, and with industry the land was developed into an excellent farm. An old log house was on the place, in which the family took up their residence, and here the father died in 1876, aged sixty-six years. His wife, who was born in 1812, survived to the age of eighty-four. After coming to America the family was increased by the birth of five more children. Those born in Germany were: Catherine, who married Philip Laubert: Philip J., Louise, deceased, who married Frank Knapp, and John. Those who were born in America were: George, subject of this sketch: Mrs. Esther Glass, Mary, who married Urias Cramer: Lena, who married Eli Peatre, and Matilda, who married Walter Sherbondy.

George Heintz grew up on the old farm and began farm work while still young, in the meanwhile going to school as opportunity afforded. He then learned the potter's trade, which proved remunerative, and in eight

years he made enough to purchase the old homestead from the other heirs. This was in 1878, and ten years later he tore down the old log house and erected his present comfortable nine-room frame residence. Not stopping there, he made many other substantial improvements which have added to the value of his property. Beautiful shade trees and green lawn make it very attractive. Mr. Heintz also owns property in Akron.

On November 15, 1877, Mr. Heintz was married to Mary M. Beck, who is a daughter of George and Catherine (Blose) Beek. Mrs. Heintz's parents came from Germany about 1845, but she was born in Ameriea, her parents having been married in the United States. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heintz, namely: George Philip, who died in April, 1897, aged eighteen years; William A., who married Theresa Canfield, and Ernest Walter, Adella and Earl Forest. Mrs. Heintz is one of a family of six children, as follows: Catherine, who married F. Schultz; Christiana, deeeased, who married William Gayer; Mary; Carry, who married William Thornton, and John and George. George Beek and wife died in Coventry Township. Mr. Heintz and family belong to the German Reformed Church. They are kind, industrious and worthy people who enjoy the esteem of the community in whieh they lived so long.

LAWSON WATERMAN. Few citizens of Peninsula, Summit County, passed off the stage of life followed with more sincere expressions of respect and esteem, or left behind a better record of a useful, blameless life than did Lawson Waterman, who was born at Decatur, Otsego County, New York, January 21, 1811, and died after a short illness, September 21, 1892.

At the age of nineteen years he went to Rochester, New York, where he found employment in a ship yard, and in the following summer went on the lakes as a sailor, a calling he followed for several years. In 1836 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he met Angeline C. Roger, whom he married October 24, 1840. She was born April 11, 1821, in Kingsville, Geauga County, Ohio, and died on the home place at Peninsula, January 12, 1906. They had two children, George Lawson, and a child that died in infancy. George Lawson Waterman was a gallant soldier in the Civil War, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He died September 19, 1863, from a wound received while quelling a mob, at Dayton, Ohio.

The parents of Lawson Waterman were Elisha and Diana (Young) Waterman. Elisha was a son of a Revolutionary soldier, who served through the entire seven years, settling at Decatur, Otsego County, New York, where Elisha was born. In 1791 he married Diana Young, who was born at Deeatur, New York, and was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, the wife of a soldier of the War of 1812, and the grandmother of an officer in the Civil War. She was a woman of noble character and impressed herself on her children. Elisha Waterman enlisted at the opening of the War of 1812, and was taken prisoner by the British at the battle of Queenstown, but was soon released on parole and eventually diseharged. He had four children: Lawson, Onesimus, Marietta and Ellen. In 1843 he brought his family to Ohio and settled on a farm in York Township, Medina County, where he died at the age of eighty-four years and his wife at the age of eighty-six years.

After marrage Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Waterman came to Peninsula and for many years he engaged in the manufacturing of canal boats, and prospered because of his energy, prudence and upright dealing, amassing a modest but honest fortune. He was a man of sterling character, charitable to a fault, bestowing benefits in a quiet way and always giving a petitioner the benefit of the doubt. His friends were numbered only by those who had come to his aequaintance. His passing away was that of going to sleep and when he was no more, the community in which his kind and exemplary life had been led, had lost a good man.

Politieally he was a Democrat, for a num-

ber of years was postmaster at Peninsula and served in town and township offices. He belonged to Meridian Lodge, No. 266, A. F. & A. M., West Richfield.

NORMAN WISE, millwright for the Cleveland-Akron Bay Company at Boston Mill, in Boston Township, was born at East Liberty, Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, April 26, 1865, and is a son of William J. and Mary A. (Bower) Wise.

William J. Wise was born January 6, 1840, and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits in Tallmadge Township, where he still owns a large farm, although he is now retired from active pursuits and is living a quiet life at Akron. He was married to Mary A. Bower, who was the daughter of John Bower, of Newheim, and they had two sons and four daughters, Norman being the eldest child. Mr. and Mrs. Wise were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Norman Wise was educated in the common schools of Green Township, and when he was sixteen years old left the home farm and went to Cuyahoga Falls, where he began to learn the trade of machinist, in the plant of Turner, Vaughn and Taylor. Later he went to Cleveland, where he followed his trade in different shops, and subsequently went from place to place, both in the East and West, gaining varied and valuable experience. In 1887, when he entered the employ of the Cleveland Paper Bag Company, Mr. Wise's ability was recognized, and he held a prominent position with that firm for three years, when he went to the Taylor and Boggis Foundry Company, and was in charge of their machinery for ten and one-half years. In the spring of 1900, Mr. Wise came to his present position, to install the machinery of the paper mill, the erection of the building having been started in the fall of 1899. To gain some idea of the machinery which comes under Mr. Wise's care, one need only glance at the following equipment of the plant: one 84-inch paper machine, one 124-inch paper machine, four rotary boilers, two rope cutters, two dusters, a devil-picker, one 60-horse-power engine and coating machine, seven boilers, two feed water pumps, one fire pump with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute, one supply pump with a capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute, one rotary pump with a capacity of 550 to 600 gallons per minute, two water wheels manufactured by the Dayton Globe Iron Works with a capacity of 400 horse-power, a 1,000-horse-power cross compound Hamilton Corliss engine, one Snyder Hughes condenser, 1,398 feet of pipe line, composed of 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch pipe to a dam in the woods near the mill, which has a twelve-foot head of water and delivers water at a pressure of twenty-eight pounds, and a 4,600-gallon fire tank at an elevation of 120 feet, the plant being supplied with automatic sprinklers throughout. The plant has a machine ship equipped with drills, lathes and all other machinery necessary to make repairs on equipment, and Mr. Wise has the services of competent assistants.

Mr. Wise was married to Rose Wolfe, who is the daughter of Adam Wolfe, of Cleveland, and they have three children: Daisy G., Norman and Marion. In political matters Mr. Wise is a Republican. In 1901 he was elected justice of the peace of Boston Township, and he is now serving his second term, which continues until 1910. He has been a member of the Board of Education since 1905. Fraternally Mr. Wise is connected with Pavonia Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Cuyahoga Falls.

ALLEN WELTON, formerly a very prominent citizen of Boston Township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits on a large body of land which once aggregated 300 acres, was born July 18, 1809, in Vermont.

Mr. Welton was given but limited educational opportunities in his youth, and for a number of years his fortunes fluctuated. As a young man he began to clerk in a store in his native state, and later went to New York. There he was variously employed, finally acquiring a wood yard and on one oc-

casion he chopped 400 cords of wood, only to see it swept away by the sudden uprising of a river. From New York he then went to Cleveland, Ohio, which city was but a small village, and from there to Bedford, and shortly afterward to Boston Township, south of Peninsula. He settled on the farm on Oak Hill, now owned by his widow, which was then covered with timber and this he cleared and cultivated in the course of years, accumulating 300 acres. A large part of this land has since been sold, the farm now containing 187 acres. For a number of years Mr. Welton conducted a dairy, and at one time milked forty cows. He was a man of many practical ideas and began making cheese at home, the industry soon growing to such proportions that he built a cheese factory, which was the first one in Summit County, and later operated another factory at Bath, which his son Frank helped him to conduct. For many years he was a member of the Ohio Dairymen's Association.

Mr. Welton was married (first) in New York, to Sarah Stricker, and they had five children, namely: Francis, who is deceased; George W., who lives at Akron; William H. H., also a resident of Akron; John N.; and Ellen E., who is the widow of Andrew Ozmun, of Bath Township. On March 17, 1852, Mr. Welton was married (second) to Louise Thompson, who is a daughter of Mills and Catherine (Allen) Thompson, who was born at Hudson, Ohio, January 14, 1831. The following children were born to this marriage: Frank E., who is a railroad conductor, residing at Akron, married Ella Hancock, and they have had three children, Park and Harry, living, and Clara, deceased; Cora A., who married Walter Hunt, who carries on the home farm, has one son, Elwin Welton; Emma C., who married Ira O. France residing at Akron; Hattie J., who married Bert Lee, residing in Boston Township, has one child, Chester; Ira Glenn, residing at home; and Jessie and Alice, both of whom are deceased.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Welton was the first physician to settle in Summit County. Mills Thompson, her father, was born at Waterbury, Connecticut, but at the time of his marriage he lived at Akron. During the building of the Ohio Canal, he was an overseer of a part of the work for a time, but his life was mainly spent as an agriculturist.

Allen Welton made two trips to Kentucky and Nashville, Tennessee, to visit his sons, who contracted serious illness during their service in the Civil War, and on one of these trips brought his son John home with him. He had many thrilling experiences, and on a number of occasions narrowly escaped capture by roving bands of guerrillas. A stanch Republican in politics, Mr. Welton was often elected to positions of trust, and served as county commissioner and township trustee. During his long and useful life he was very active in church and charitable movements, and was the founder of the Congregational Sunday-school, which is still in existence in the neighborhood of his former home.

EDWARD ROEPKE, a highly esteemed retired farmer of Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, whose comfortable home is on the Dayton Street extension, just across from the new Caldwell school, was born November 10, 1841, in Zemmen, Prussia, and is a son of William and Frederica (Dittbenner) Roepke.

Edward Roepke was reared to manhood in his native country. During his youth he worked as a hired man on a farm, receiving twenty-two dollars per year and his board, and also spent two years as a waiter in a private house in Berlin, for which service he received four dollars per month, his board and washng.

When he was twenty-one years of age, with his parents and their other children, Mr. Roepke started for America, from Hamburg, Germany, in the sailing vessel *Washington*, and after a voyage of fourteen weeks landed at Quebec, Canada, in September, 1862. In April, 1863, they removed to Ottawa, where

the men of the family endeavored to secure employment on the new Government buildings being erected there, but failing in this they came to Akron, Ohio, Mr. Roepke having seen in an advertisement that men were needed in the construction of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad. On arriving in this city difficulty with the language embarrassed them as none of the family could read or write in English, nor could they speak or understand it with the exception of an occasional common word. They already had suffered misfortune. Their passage had been paid to Akron by way of Oswego and Cleveland, but between Hudson and Akron they lost all of their belongings, even their bedding and household effects, which they had brought that far from Germany, and their sole possessions were the clothes they wore. However, here the father and five sons found work, each receiving eleven shillings per day for eleven hours' labor. After three months, they entered the employ of George Wolven as quarrymen, and here their wages were one dollar and fifty cents for ten hours' work, and they continued for two years working in the quarries. In 1864, Albert Roepke, the second eldest brother, enlisted in the Sixth Ohio Cavalry, and served nine months in the Federal Army, and as in addition to his monthly salary of sixteen dollars he received a bounty of $500, he felt almost rich, and hastened to better the family fortunes. With this sum four acres of land were purchased in Akron, on which was situated a stone quarry, and Edward and Albert Roepke and a half-brother, William Moss, engaged in business, the firm going into debt for an additional $500. The stone quarry was operated for five years, stone selling at one dollar per load, and at the end of this time they engaged in contracting, and Edward Roepke was made superintendent of the business, which proved very successful. Later this land was sold off in lots and Edward Roepke purchased a farm of 108 acres in Portage Township, on which he built a fine house and barn and engaged in general agricultural pursuits, although he still continued his contracting operations, and did much road construction work for the county. In 1900, Mr. Roepke sold his farm and took a trip to California, where he remained several months. After returning to Akron, he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he spent three summers, his winters being passed in Florida. In November, 1905, the present Mrs. Roepke purchased from Robert Turner the lot on which they now reside, at Cuyahoga Falls, and Mr. Roepke erected here a beautiful home, in which they have since lived.

In 1864 Mr. Roepke was married (first) to Caroline Myers, who died in 1894. She was a daughter of Ernest Myers. To this union there were born eleven children, as follows: Charles, who lives at Akron; Rosa, who is the wife of John H. Riee, of Mansfield, Ohio; Edward A., who is in the fertilizing business at Akron; Emma, who married Richard Dohl, a stove and furnace merchant of Ravenna, Ohio; William, whose death occurred August 31, 1905; Clara, who is the wife of L. B. Jennings, a baker, of Ravenna, Ohio; George, who for three years was a member of the United States Army in the Philippines; John, who lives at Ravenna, Ohio; Mary, who is the wife of Adam Fichter, an architect of Akron; Ida, who is a stenographer at Mansfield, Ohio; and Harry, who also resides in Mansfield. In 1905 Mr. Roepke was united in marriage with Henrietta Huge.

Mr. Roepke has been much interested in public matters in his township, and for nineteen years served on the School Board, and for four years in the office of road superintendent. He is a Republican and is Township Committeeman of his party. He is an excellent example of a self-made man.

JOHN M. FOUSE, general farmer and well-known citizen, residing on his valuable farm of twenty-five acres, which is situated on Dan Street, just east of the city limits of Akron, and in Portage Township, was born in Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, Oc-

tober 7, 1851. He is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Gaerte) Fouse.

Frederick Fouse was born on the old Fouse homestead in Stark County, which his father, John Fouse, bought from the Government, when he came as a young man pioneering in Lake Township. He was a native of Blair County, Pennsylvania, and died on the farm he had worked so hard to secure and improve when his son Frederick was three months old. His widow remained on the farm which consisted of 140 acres, where she reared her two children, Frederick and Savilla, the latter of whom later married Isaac Madlem, and is now deceased. Grandmother Fouse subsequently came to Portage Township, where she lived until her death, at the age of eighty-seven years.

As soon as Frederick Fouse attained sufficient strength and judgment he took upon himself the management of the farm and when he reached manhood, he married Elizabeth Gaerte, who was a daughter of Jacob Gaerte and was reared in Lake Township. All of their nine children were born and reared on the Stark County farm, as follows: Malinda, who married Philip Fulmer, resides in Portage County; John M., of Portage Township; Reuben, Jacob, Edward P., Milton W., Fernando and William F., all reside in Portage Township; and Ira, who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

In 1873, Frederick Fouse sold the farm in Stark County and bought 107 acres in Summit County, John M. Fouse's farm being a part of this tract. Mr. Fouse lived on his new purchase until his death in January, 1884. He erected new buildings and improved his land in many ways. His widow survived until April, 1904. They were worthy people in every way and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew them.

John M. Fouse was trained in agricultural pursuits from his boyhood and has never turned his attention to any degree to anything else. For twenty-eight years he was in the milk business and had an Akron route, but in January, 1907, he discontinued his dairy. He married Susan Royer, who is a daughter of Abraham Royer, of Stark County, and they have a fine, intelligent family of ten children, namely: Bertha, Aquilla, Austin J., Frederick, Clarence, Claude, Mabel, Floyd, Gladys and Elva. The eldest son, Aquilla Fouse, married Edna Sprague, and they have three children: Ruth, Helen and Harold.

When the home farm was divided at the time of the father's death, John M. Fouse purchased twenty-five acres of the land, which is exceedingly valuable on account of being so desirable for city building extension, together with the buildings, the substantial barn having been put up in 1880, and the fine frame dwelling, in 1881.

Mr. Fouse is one of the recognized leading men of the township and is a member of the Board of Education together with the following prominent citizens: John McDowell, president, Roland Koplin, W. W. Washburn and Abner Caldwell. Mr. Fouse belongs to the order of Pathfinders.

FRANK A. WILCOX, capitalist, who has been a resident of Akron since 1882, is extensively engaged in a general contracting and real estate business here and is identified with a large number of the successful enterprises from which the city has gained its name as an important commercial center. He was born at Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, May 17, 1852, and is a son of Dr. J. C. Wilcox, one of the county's pioneers.

Frank A. Wilcox remained at Richfield until he was eighteen years of age, securing his preparatory education there, and then entered Oberlin College. Here he was graduated in 1878, and immediately afterward began the study of law in the office of T. E. Burton, at Cleveland, Ohio. After one year there he accepted the position of superintendent of the schools of Glenville, which he filled for three years. Mr. Wilcox then bought the abstract books of Summit County and from 1882 to 1898, he did the abstract, real estate and insurance business which is now controlled by the firm of Bruner, Good-

hue & Cook, being associated the most of the time with A. H. Noah. He still retains an interest in the business. He was then secretary of the India Rubber Company for one year, and in 1899 took charge of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company, serving as vice-president, treasurer and general manager. He remained with this company until March 1, 1907, and is still on its board of directors. Mr. Wilcox is now engaged in a general contracting and real estate business. His large real estate interests occupy much of his time. He is a stockholder in the Akron Selle Company and in other concerns, being treasurer and general manager of the Arcturus Lithia Springs Company.

In 1893, Mr. Wilcox was married to Delia M. Doyle, who is a daughter of the late William B. Doyle. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox lost an interesting little son, Doyle, who died at Erie, Pennsylvania, aged but six years. They have one daughter, Margaret, and an adopted daughter, Elizabeth L.

While residing at Glenville, Mr. Wilcox served as a member of the City Council, and from 1885 until 1887, he served on the Akron City Council. He was the founder of the order of Maccabees at Akron and is past master of the order here, and he is also past grand of Akron Lodge, No. 547, I. O. O. F., and was sent as a representative to the Grand Encampment of the state of Ohio. He belongs also to the Akron lodge of Elks. At Jeannette, Pennsylvania, he united with the First Presbyterian Church. Akron has few more progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens than Mr. Wilcox.

CLINT W. KLINE, Clerk of Courts, was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, January 14, 1860; he is the second son of David and Elizabeth (Chisnell) Kline, now living in Greensburg, Ohio.

Mr. Kline was reared on his father's farm and obtained the usual country school education; subsequent to this he was a student in the Akron High School, and was a student at Buchtel college and also at Hiram college.

At the age of seventeen he began teaching country schools, which profession he followed for seven years, after which he took a course in stenography at Springfield, Ohio.

In 1885 he came to Akron and engaged in the retail grocery business with his brother, Oliver J. Kline, under the firm name of Kline Bros., which partnership continued until 1903 when Mr. Kline entered upon his duties as Clerk of Courts, thus terminating the partnership.

Mr. Kline has always been a Republican and has always been active in local politics, having served as chairman of the Republican City Central Committee for a number of years and vice-chairman of the Summit County Executive Committee. In 1895 he was elected to the Board of Education from the famous Old Fourth ward, the Democratic stronghold of the city, in which capacity he served during 1895 and 1896; he did not stand for re-election, having received the Republican nomination for member of the General Assembly of Ohio.

Mr. Kline was elected to the office of Clerk of Courts at the election of 1902 and assumed his duties as such in 1903; in 1905 he was re-elected to a second term, which will expire in August, 1909. Mr. Kline is connected with a number of our banking institutions and is vice-president of The Dime Savings Bank. He is also a stockholder in a number of Akron's flourishing enterprises.

In 1886 Mr. Kline was married to Minnie E. Burnham, a popular teacher of the Akron public schools; they have two children, Vera B. and Helen B. Mr. Kline is prominent in fraternal matters, affiliating with a great many fraternal bodies.

CHARLES TSCHANTZ, a highly esteemed citizen of Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, who resides on the old Good farm and is engaged in farming and dairying, was born September 21, 1855, in Switzerland, and is a son of John and Christina Tschantz, both of whom died in the old country. Charles Tschantz was reared in his

native country, where he received a good education, his father being a school teacher, and at the age of sixteen years he came to America, locating at once on the farm of Abe Mosier in Wayne County, Ohio. After remaining there for two years Mr. Tschantz removed to Beaver County, Pennsylvania, where for two years he worked in a dairy, and subsequently went to Putnam County, Ohio, where he lived for seven years. After his marriage, Mr. Tschantz went to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he continued to reside for six years, and in 1897 located on the old Sacket farm in Copley Township. Two years later he purchased forty acres of land in Copley, where he resided for three years, at the end of which time he purchased a residence and ten building lots in Akron. Mr. Tschantz removed to his present home in 1899, and in 1905 purchased thirty acres of land, which he farms in connection with the 298 acres that he rents from Edward Good. He makes a specialty of dairying, having for this purpose a herd of from twenty-five to thirty finely bred cattle.

Mr. Tschantz was married in Putnan County, Ohio, to Anna Vungunton, and to this union there have been born seven children: Lena, who married Allen Wright; William, who married Margaret Hodgson, and has one child, Buelah Margaret; Otto, who resides in Oregon; John, also a resident of Oregon; Charles, who lives at home; Anna, who is a stenographer of Akron; and Lizzie. With his family Mr. Tschantz attends the Christian Church.

C. H. PALMER, who is identified with a number of Akron's greatest business enterprises, is still in the vigor of middle age, having been born in 1850, in old Middlebury, now Akron, and is a son of Albert and Ann Elizabeth (Hoye) Palmer.

Stephen Palmer, the grandfather of C. H., was one of the earliest manufacturers of this section. He established a fanning mill factory which his son, Albert Palmer, continued to operate until about 1850, in which year he to went to Tennessee, where, for a time he was engaged in the same business. In early manhood, Albert Palmer was a school teacher. He still survives, and resides at Akron, having reached his eighty-third year, while his wife has rounded out her seventy-seventh.

C. H. Palmer was educated at Kingsville Academy. He was only twelve years old when he was sent out on his father's wagon, to sell matches, and thus from boyhood he has been connected with the great corporation now known as the Diamond Match Company. From the humble position of match boy, Mr. Palmer, through diligence and industry worked his way up, step by step, through the different grades of service until he now occupies the responsible positions of vice-president and general superintendent of the Diamond Match Company, as well as a director in the same. Mr. Palmer is largely interested in many other flourishing enterprises of this prosperous city and section. He is president and director of the Granite Clay Company; treasurer and a director of the Akron Smoking Pipe Company; a director of the First National Bank of Akron; a director of the Barberton Savings Bank, at Barberton, and other concerns of less magnitude.

In 1876, Mr. Palmer was married to Marion Peckham, who was born, reared and educated at Middlebury, and who is a daughter of Thomas H. Peckham, one of the earliest settlers at Tallmadge, Summit County. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have one son, Thomas A., who is manager of the Barberton branch of the Diamond Match factory, and vice-president and a director of the Granite Clay Company. He was educated at Case's School of Applied Science. Mr. Palmer is a member and one of the trustees of the First Church of Christ, at Akron.

WILLIS G. MARSHALL, a well-known citizen and general farmer of Norton Township, residing on his farm which lies one-half mile north of Johnson's Corners and about one-half mile south of Norton Center, was

born on this farm, in Summit County, Ohio, March 2, 1855, and is a son of Robert G. and Louisa (Vickers) Marshall.

Robert Marshall was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Joseph Marshall. He came to Summit County as a young man and after his marriage bought the farm on which Willis G. resides. Both he and wife died on this farm. They had twleve children, Willis G. being the youngest of the family.

Willis G. Marshall was reared on this fine old farm and went to school at Norton Center. In 1878 he was married to Mary S. Betz, a daughter of Alvin D. Betz, and she was reared within a half mile of the farm on which Mr. Marshall grew up. They have three children —Roy G., Leonard E., and Nellie M. The eldest son is foreman of the hose room of the Rubber Products Company, at Barberton. He married Mabel Cooper and they have three children—Ethel M., Cloyd C., and Ruth I. Leonard, the second son, is also employed in the Rubber Works. He married Doxie Tawney. Miss Nellie resides at home. Both sons have built and are living on the place, which is now the West corporation limit of Barberton.

Following his marriage, Mr. Marshall lived for two years at Norton Center, and then moved to a farm south of Johnson's Corners, on which he remained for four years. He then moved to Wayne County, for a three years' residence. He moved back to Norton for one year and then returned to Wayne County, where he remained for fourteen years. In the spring of 1902, he bought the old home farm and has carried on agriculture here ever since. For three years he also carried on a dairy, but has discontinued that industry. The family is one that is very highly respected in this neighborhood.

IRVIN R. MANTON, superintendent of factory No. 3, Robinson Clay Product Company, at Akron, has been connected with this large business enterprise ever since he completed his education, and his industry, capacity and fidelity have contributed in full measure to the success of the concern. He was born at Akron, Ohio, January 24, 1874, and was educated in the schools of Akron, with three years of instruction at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. After completing his school studies he entered the factory of the Robinson Clay Product Company, of which he has been superintendent for the past four years. He has engaged rather extensively, also, in the breeding of fine horses, at present owning about fifteen head, they possessing qualities which make them exceedingly valuable.

On April 5, 1898, Mr. Manton was married to Fredericka Wickdal Hurxthal, a member of one of the old and substantial families of Canton, Ohio. They have one child, Laona. Mr. Manton is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He has numerous social connections, being a member of the Portage Country Club, the Canton Country Club, and the Gentlemen's Driving Club of Akron.

IRVING C. RANKIN, M.D., specialist in surgery and diseases of women, is a leading practitioner at Akron. He was born at Akron, Ohio, in 1871, and is a son of George T. Rankin.

Following his graduation from the Akron High School, in 1888, Dr. Rankin entered the Syracuse University, where he was graduated in 1892 with his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He received his Master's Degree in 1894. In 1895 he was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and after serving one year as an interne in the Allegheny General Hospital, at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, he located at Akron, in 1896. He has been in continuous practice in this city ever since, with the exception of a part of the year 1904, which he spent at Berlin and Vienna, taking a post graduate course in the famous medical institutions of those cites. Dr. Rankin is gynecologist of the Akron Hospital, and surgeon for a number of the large industries of this city, notably, the Quaker

Oats Company, the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company, and the Taplin and Rice Company. He also carries on a general practice. He is a member of the Summit County, the Ohio State, the Cleveland, and the North Eastern Medical Societies. For three of the eleven years in which he has been engaged in practice at Akron, Dr. Rankin served as city physician. On November 1, 1898, Dr. Rankin was married to Lena J. Schreuder, of Syracuse, New York. Dr. Rankin retains membership in his Greek letter college fraternity, the *D. K. E.;* also belongs to the Masonic order.

JOHN W. PAYNE, city engineer at Akron, was born at Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio, in 1857, and like many other men now in professional life, was educated in the district schools and was reared on the paternal farm.

When Mr. Payne decided to adopte civil engineering as his profession he entered the engineering department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in 2883, with his degree of a working Bachelor of Science. Following his departure from the university, he worked for the Government, for two years, on the Mississippi River survey, and for two years on the Missouri River. The death of his brother, who had been in the dry goods business at Port Clinton, recalled him to that city and he took charge of that business, removing to Akron, Ohio, in 1887, and disposed of it in 1894. In 1892, he first began work in the city engineer's office as assistant, and continued in that capacity until 1899, when he was made city engineer, an office he has filled ever since.

In 1886, Mr. Payne was married to Martha A. Orchard, of Lima, Ohio, and they have two children, William A. and Mildred. The latter resides at home. William A. Payne is a student in the engineering department of the University of Michigan. Mr. Payne and family belong to the Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee.

He has been prominent for a number of years, in the order of Odd Fellows, is a member of the Encampment, and belongs also to the Pathfinders. Formerly he was president of the Ohio Engineering Society and still retains his membership.

ELMER I. McCAMAN, whose excellent farm of 100 acres is situated in Coventry Township, about two and one-half miles southeast of Barberton, is a native of Summit County, Ohio, and was born on the banks of Long Lake, in Coventry Township, August 30, 1871. He is a son of Elihu and Louisa W. (Foust) McCaman.

Isaac McCaman, the grandfather of Elmer I., was the founder of this family in Ohio. He was born in Ireland and came to America accompanied by two brothers, one of whom settled first in Maryland, while the other, with Isaac, settled in Virginia. In a short time, Isaac McCaman pushed north to Ohio and settled near what is now the town of Uniontown, where he died aged forty-five years. His widow survives him into old age and died at Akron. Of their large family there are two survivors, namely: Percilla, who is the widow of Adam Cormany, and Lucinda, who is the Widow Gruber, residing at Akron.

Elihu McCaman was reared on the farm on which his father had located and through youth assisted in clearing the same. In young manhood he bought the *Mary Ellen,* a tidy little canal boat, on which he and his mother lived for a number of years, during which time he followed a profitable business on the water. After his marriage he retired from the canal and disposed of his boat, following agricultural pursuits in Coventry Township until his death, in December, 1899, when sixty-eight years of age. In middle life he married the widow of Michael Dixon, who was a daughter of George and Nellie Foust. One of the three children of her first marriage still survives, Delilah, who married Levi Gaugler. Two children were born to her marriage with Elihu McCaman: Elmer I., and Ella J., the latter of whom married

Charles Rhodenburger and is deceased. By a second marriage, to Orange Cook, one child was born, George L. The mother of Mr. McCaman resides at Barberton.

Elmer I. McCaman was nine years old when his parents moved to the farm in the southwest corner of Coventry Township, where he went to the old District No. 9 school, after which he worked in the shops at Barberton until his marriage. After this event, he went into a sawmill business with his half-brother, George Cook, and was a partner in the G. L. Cook Lumber Company, of Barberton, which engaged in business there for four years. Mr. McCaman then sold his interest to Mr. Cook, and in 1904, he bought his present excellent farm, from the Dickerhoof heirs. The property was improved to some degree, but Mr. McCaman has added to the value of the land very materially, by his careful cultivation and excellent agricultural methods.

Mr. McCaman was married February 13, 1895, to Clara N. Steffee ,who is a daughter of Amos and Alice (Fairbanks) Steffee. They have five children, namely: Carrie, Ellery, Edwin, Forest, Orwin, and Sadie B. Mrs. McCaman is the eldest of her parents' family of four children, the others being: Leon, Blanche, and Almira, the latter of whom died young. The mother of Mrs. McCaman died March 26, 1907, aged fifty-four years, but the father still survives. The maternal grandfather, Edwin Fairbanks, was a native of New York and was one of the earliest settlers in Copley Township.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaman are members of the United Brethren Church at Lockwood Corners, in which he is one of the stewards. He is a Democrat. Formally he was a member of the Knights of Pythias, at Barberton.

HIRAM HANCHETT WALLACE, a highly esteemed citizen of Northfield Township, was engaged in farming for many years but is now retired from active management of his farms, though still residing in a commodious residence which he built on one of them several years ago. He is the second son of the late James W. and Adeline (Hanchett) Wallace and was born February 18, 1843, in Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio.

This branch of the Wallace family became American through Robert Wallace, the great-great-grandfather of Hiram, who removed from Scotland early in the eighteenth century to Londonberry, Ireland, and thence to Londonderry, New Hampshire. To Robert was born James, and to James came two sons, George and Robert, not mentioning the numerous collateral branches. These brothers, George and Robert, having the spirit of adventure in them, and perhaps being restive under the strict New England discipline of those days, put good axes over their broad shoulders and fat bags of beans on their backs, and, leaving their native town of Ackworth, New Hampshire, directed their foot-steps westward. By aid of the axe they supplemented the provender in the bags and after traversing some six hundred miles of sparcely settled country they reached Youngstown, Ohio, where they were engaged by a Mr. Samuel Menough to chop wood at twelve and one-half cents per cord. The two brothers must have done more than chop well, for George captured the hand of Mr. Menough's daughter Harriet, and her sister became Robert's wife.

In 1806 George Wallace removed to Cleveland and purchased twelve acres of land on what is now Superior Avenue N. W., running from the site of the old Weddell House (the present Rockefeller Building) to the river, and built thereon a log hotel building. It is said that Mr. Wallace paid three hundred dollars for this land which, with improvements at the present time, is worth millions.

In the latter year Mr. Wallace removed with his family to the southern part of Northfield Township to escape the malarious air of Cleveland and to develop a fine water-power on a beautiful stream to which Mrs. Wallace gave the name of Brandywine.

Here George Wallace purchased a large tract of land and built and operated a grist-mill, saw-mill, woolen-mill and a distillery,

making Brandywine the greatest business point between Cleveland and Pittsburg. He remained active in his many enterprises until his death in 1846, at the age of seventy-three. Though not a church member he was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, his day-book now in possession of his grand-son Hiram, showing among other items the entry of ten gallons of whiskey annually towards the minister's stipend; the good liquor of that day and locality being known as "Brandywine currency." He left four children: James Waugh, George Young, who was one of the early sheriffs of Portage County, Emeline, and Perkins, a physician.

James W. Wallace, father of Hiram, became one of the most widely known and universally respected of the older residents of Summit County. Born in Youngstown, November 27, 1803, he was three years of age when the family removed to Cleveland and began the limited school curriculum of the time. Early in life he was intrusted with business interests by his father, at the age of fifteen managing alone the general store at Brandywine with its large and varied stock of goods. About 1825, in company with his brother George Y., he took immediate charge of the different branches of the Brandywine business including a twelve hundred acre farm on which were kept 2,000 to 2,500 sheep, seventy to seventy-five head of cattle and ten to fifteen horses. As an index to the time it is interesting to note that the total tax on this property was then but five dollars. Later, in association with his father, he built many miles of the Ohio Canal and the aqueduct at Roscoe. Large tracts of the Western Reserve were familiar to him, as for years he was the representative of the Land Company which originally owned that section of Ohio. This together with his other diversified interests, brought him wide acquaintance in the territory between Cleveland and Pittsburg. His unfailing courtesy to all, combined with just but considerate business methods, made him the grand old man of the time and section.

On September 8, 1836, Mr. Wallace married Adeline Hanchett, daughter of Hiram and Mary Hanchett. Previous to 1841 Mr. Hanchett built the "Lady of the Lake," the first good vessel built on Lake Erie, which is said to have paid for herself in two trips to and from Buffalo. From this union there were seven children: George, deceased; Hiram Hanchett, the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Mr. Lorin Bliss, treasurer of Northfield Township; Warner W., a retired farmer of Lexington, Ky.; Leonard C., a retired farmer of Macedonia, Ohio; Joseph, who died in infancy; Margaret Stanhope, wife of Mr. H. R. P. Hamilton, architect, Cleveland. After residing for several years in the substantial homestead built by the head of the family and overlooking the Falls of the Brandywine, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace removed, in 1870, to Maple Mound on the road leading from Macedonia to Hudson where in comfortable retirement, with children and grandchildren about them, they enjoyed their later years, Mrs. Wallace living until March 15, 1885, and her husband until September 28, 1887, their lives fully rounded in all relations of the home, the world and the church.

Their second son, Hiram Hanchett Wallace, received his education in the Northfield public schools and at Western Reserve College, and remained at the home in Brandywine until his marriage December 18, 1867, to Marianna Mearns, daughter of Mr. John Mearns of Cecil County, Maryland. To them were born: Adeline Rebecca, now deceased; Belle Mearns, who became the wife of Mr. Clark Dillow of Brecksville and is deceased, leaving two children, James Hiram and Elizabeth; Anna Waugh, married to the Rev. Mr. Wm. T. Hammond of Northeast, Maryland, both deceased, leaving a daughter, Rebecca; Margaret, deceased; George H., an intelligent farmer of Northfield who married Miss Emma Rudgers of Brecksville and has an infant daughter; Schuyler J., a promising young attorney of Cleveland; Harvey Baldwin, assistant manager of a large manufacturing concern in Detroit, who married Miss

Olive Snyder, and also has an infant daughter; Marianna Mearns, who since infancy has been as a daughter to her aunt, Mrs. Lorin Bliss, Mrs. Wallace dying February 18, 1887, shortly after childbirth.

In 1891 Mr. Wallace married (second) Mary Jane, daughter of the late Mr. James Fayerweather of Boston Township.

Soon after his first marriage Mr. Wallace settled in Pocahontas County, Iowa, in the same neighborhood as his brother George, where he farmed extensively until 1879, when he sold his holdings and, returning to Northfield, bought the Proctor farm, Lot 64. In 1885 he increased his acreage by the purchase of the Boyd farm, Lot 65, and on a sightly eminence well removed from the public highways, he erected his present handsome residence, which was completed in 1891. Beautiful shade trees, fruitful orchards, well kept gardens, a large barn with the usual outbuildings, and an inexhaustible pure water supply, on an automatic system, make evident the thrift and comfort which prevail. His farms, through intelligent care and foresight, have been kept up to the high standard which might be expected and are now managed by his first son who resides in the substantial brick dwelling built sixty years ago by Mr. Daniel Proctor.

Mr. Wallace's religious training and beliefs are Presbyterian, of which church he is a supporter; his politics are Republican and he has served several terms as township trustee in Iowa and for years he was a leading spirit in the Northfield Board of Education which has brought to a high standard the schools that he attended as a child. Naturally Mr. Wallace is widely known and enjoys an enviable reputation in the esteem of his extended acquaintance.

WILLIAM JACOB FRYMAN, general farmer and stockraiser, owns ninety-one acres of excellent farming land in Bath Township, which has been his home for the past twenty years. He was born January 15, 1861, in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Joel and Mary Jane (Simons) Fryman.

Daniel Fryman, the grandfather of William J., was a native of Pennsylvania, who came from that State on foot, with his dog and gun, and continued his walk through Summit County to Medina County, Ohio, where he later spent many years on his farm south of Wadsworth. He subsequently returned to Summit County and settled in Copley Township, where he died in October, 1874.

Joel Fryman was born and reared in Medina County, Ohio, and in early manhood came to Copley Township, Summit County, where he was married. In 1870, he went to Williams County, Ohio, but after three years returned to Summit County and purchased a farm in Portage Township, where he and his wife still live. He was married to Mary Jane Simons, who was born at Lockwood's Corners, in Coventry Township, and is a daughter of Henry Simons, a native of England, who secured the first marriage license taken out in Summit County, Ohio. He settled in Coventry Township at an early day, and there became the owner of a large tract of land. Mrs. Fryman's mother died when she was five years old, and she went to live with here uncle, William Carpenter, and was known on this account as Mary Jane Carpenter. To Mr. and Mrs. Fryman there were born eight children: Sarah, who is the wife of Frank Swift; William J.; Arvella, who married Thomas Carter; Mary, who died when three years old; Ella, who married Henry Moeler; Homer; Frank, who died when thirteen years old; and Cora, who died aged about one year.

Until twenty-one years of age, William Jacob Fryman remained on the home farm in Portage Township, and he then started to work as a farm hand. In February, 1895, he bought two-thirds of a farm of 116 acres, formerly the McMillan property, which is located one and one-half miles west of Montrose, but as there was a dispute as to the title, he was obliged to repurchase it. He cultivates

the whole 116 acres and in addition forty-six acres belonging to his father-in-law, Norton Hubbard, whose home is almost across the road from Mr. Fryman's, in Copley Township. Mr. Fryman has engaged very extensively in raising draft horses, and a number of fine animals belonging to him are in the service of the Akron Fire Department, the Lyman Lumber Company and the Akron breweries.

On December 27, 1883, Mr. Fryman was married to Lena Hubbard, who was born in Copley Township, on a farm in sight of her present home, and is a daughter of Norton and Harriet (Miller) Hubbard. The mother of Mrs. Fryman died December 30, 1888, and her father November 4, 1907. Norton Hubbard was born at Batavia, New York, and on Christmas night, 1830, was brought by his uncle to Copley Township and they settled in a little log cabin. He lived in Summit County for seventy-seven years and was one of its most highly esteemed citizens. To Mr. and Mrs. Fryman one child was born: Rex, who resides at home.

Mr. Fryman is a member of the National Protective Legion, to which all of the family belong. He is a deacon in the Church of Christ at Copley.

PHILANDER D. HALL, JR., capitalist and traveler, who owns a vast amount of valuable realty in and about Akron and is identified with a number of the city's prosperous enterprises, was born at Bridgeport, Connecticut, July 10, 1854, and is a son of Lorenzo and Mary J. (Hubbell) Hall.

The late Lorenzo Hall was one of the early merchants of Akron and for years was a member of the firm of Hall Brother, a name that for a long period stood for business acumen and commercial integrity. Lorenzo Hall acquired a large fortune and became one of Akron's most valuable citizens. He died January 9, 1892. He married Mary J. Hubbel, and they had two sons, Frank L. and Philander D., Jr., The former is one of the leading attorneys of the city of New York. He was a student in the office of David Dudley Field, in New York, and is a graduate of Yale College and of the Law School of Columbia College.

Philander D. Hall, J., who bears the honored name of his uncle, the late Philander D. Hall, was four years of age when his father came to Akron. He was reared in this city, attended first the primary and then the High School here, and then became a student in the Columbia preparatory school, of New York city. He continued there for two years and completed his education at Strasberg, Germany, where he took a special course. Upon his return to his native land, he engaged in a wholesale hardware business at San Francisco, for a period and then came to Akron and took charge of the Hall Brothers store, which he managed for five years, or until the death of his venerable uncle. After selling the store, Mr. Hall was engaged for a considerable time in looking after the large amount of real estate which had come into his possession. He is interested in the Colonna Tire and Rubber Company, and the Swinehardt Rubber Company, and is a stockholder in a number of like concerns. He is one of the directors of the National City Bank of Akron and has interests in New York. During the past year, Mr. Hall has been a resident of London, England, where he has represented the Firestone Rubber Tire Company. He has spent much time in travel and is familiar with various parts of Europe, having but recently returned from visiting France and Italy.

On June 28, 1894, Mr. Hall was married to Eva M. Grant, of Cleveland, and they have one son, Frank Hurlburt. Mr. Hall was reared in the Episcopal Church and is a vestryman of the Church of Our Savior at Akron.

E. C. SHAW, general manager of works of the B. F. Goodrich Company, at Akron, has been a resident of this wide-awake city since 1893, and is numbered with her successful business men. Mr. Shaw was born in 1863, at Buffalo, New York.

After receiving an excellent public school training in his native city, Mr. Shaw entered Yale College, where he was graduated in the class of 1886. Upon his return to Buffalo, he engaged in an electric light business until 1893, when he came to Akron to take charge of the Akron Electric Light Company, remaining with that organization for that year and in 1894 coming to the B. F. Goodrich Company in the capacity of a mechanical and electrical engineer. Mr. Shaw soon became assistant superintendent of this great concern, later was made superintendent, and since January 1, 1907, has been general manager of works of a company whose products are of world-wide fame. In 1897, Mr. Shaw was married to Jennie L. Bond, of New York city. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and is a popular member of the Portage Country club.

ISAAC LEIBY, one of Copley Township's most respected citizens, owns a valuable farm of 131 1-2 acres, which has been managed by his son since Mr. Leiby retired from active life. He was born on his father's farm in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1821, and is a son of Jacob and Mary Leiby.

Mr. Leiby comes of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, of people noted for their industry and honesty. His father was also born in Pennsylvania and engaged in farming and distilling. He servived his wife and lived to the unusual age of ninety years. They had a family of thirteen children, and all but one of these reached maturity and all have passed to their final reward except Isaac, and his sister Emeline, who married Charles Krum.

Isaac Leiby worked with his father until he was about twenty years old and then learned the carpenter trade. He has worked at this more or less all his life and even at the age of eighty-six years can do a good piece of work in this line. He had very little chance to go to school in his boyhood and never learned the English language until he was grown, the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect being used entirely in the neighborhood in which he lived. When he was twenty-five years old he was married to Mary Heimbaug, and about two year later, with his wife and two little ones, the youngest but a few weeks old, he started in a one-horse wagon, with the intention of acquiring land and settling in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, both of which he accomplished. When Mr. and Mrs. Leiby reached Akron they found a small village, which then had no railroad connection, and the houses then standing were not of the kind Mr. Leiby afterward built all through this section.

Mr. Leiby came to Summit County a poor but honest, temperate and industrious man, and it was not very long after he settled here that he bought his first tract of land, twenty acres, from a Mr. Myers, and then forty acres from S. J. Spake, and to this he soon added thirteen and one-eighth acres, bought of David Miller. From time to time, as a good piece of land came upon the market, he bought until he owned 141 1-2 acres. Recently he has sold ten acres. When he settled here he lived for a short time in the log house that was standing, but before long put up the nice residence which has stood for fifty years. Its construction was so substantial that no repairs have been necessary until recently, when Mr. Leiby put down a new porch floor, and it was well done.

The wife of Mr. Leiby died September 14, 1899. They had seven children, as follows: Leander, who married Amanda Houghlan; Charles, who married Mary Miller; Henry, who married Jennie Jones; Aaron, who manages the home farm; Lovena C.; Mary Elizabeth, who married L. Squires; and Samantha Jane, who married W. Stonebrook.

In politics Mr. Leiby and his son Aaron are both stanch Democrats. During the time he served as road supervisor, the township profited by his good judgment and close attention to the work in hand. He is a leading member of the Reformed Church in his neighborhood, in which he has served as deacon for many years and elder for the past five years.

W. A. SACKETT, M.D., a prominent medical practitioner at Akron, was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1866, and is a son of the late William C. Sackett, a well-known citizen.

William C. Sackett was born at Warren, Connecticut, in October, 1827, and died in Summit County, in November, 1902. He was a son of Aaron and Huldah Camilla (Tanner) Sackett, and was ten year old when his parents emigrated to Tallmadge Township, Summit County. He was a representative man of his section, deeply interested in its development and evinced public spirit and enterprise. In 1851 he went to California, later to Oregon, and after four years in the far West, he returned to Ohio. Here he purchased a large farm from George Sackett, his brother, and carried on extensive agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he moved to a farm in Portage Township. Here he continued to reside until 1898, removing then to a farm he bought in Coventry Township, where his death occurred. For a period of five years he was president of the Summit County Agricultural Society. On March 18, 1857, he married Harriet L. Galbraith, who was a daughter of Henry H. and Ann (Langworthy) Galbraith.

Dr. W. A. Sackett graduated from the Akron High School in 1885, and from Oberlin College, in 1890, with the degree of A. B. In 1893 he was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and the A. M. degree has since been conferred on him by Oberlin College. Dr. Sackett immediately located at Akron, where he has met with hearty recognition. He is a member of the Summit County, the Ohio State Sixth Councilor District and the American Medical Association.

Until her lamented death in January, 1906, the venerable mother of Dr. Sackett resided upon the farm in Coventry Township. She was born at Mogadore, Summit County, Ohio, July 25, 1837, and was a daughter of Henry Galbraith, who was born near Belfast, Ireland. He came to Canada in boyhood and in 1836 to Summit County, where he became a well-known citizen. He survived until 1893. Fraternally, Dr. Sackett is a Mason. Religiously, he is a member of the First Congregational Church.

S. A. KEPLER, dairyman, and owner of forty-three acres of excellent farming land, situated in Coventry Township, five miles south of Akron, was born December 9, 1864, on the home farm, in the old log house situated on the hill, in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio. His parents are Samuel and Susanna (Swigart) Kepler.

Samuel Kepler was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob Kepler, who owned much land in Green Township and also worked as a mechanic. Samuel was the eldest son of Jacob, and on him fell many of the heavy duties of the farm. In early manhood he was married to Susanna Swigart, who was one of a family of fifteen children born to George Swigart, who lived in Franklin Township, Summit County. Samuel Kepler and wife had seven children, namely: Uriah, residing in Kansas; Anna, the widow of H. C. Preyer, residing at Cleveland; Jacob, residing at Barberton; Samuel Adam; Minnie, who married Dr. Rodenbaugh, residing at Barberton; and Jefferson and Rahama, both of whom died young, of scarlet fever. Mr. and Mrs. Kepler reside in a fine large residence, at No. 56 South Broadway, Akron, moving there after selling a farm of 196 acres. He still owns 138 acres in Coventry Township.

Samuel Adam Kepler grew up on the old home place and attended District School No. 6, when home duties were not too pressing. He remained assisting his father until 1888, and when he married he bought his present farm from his father. At that time there were no buildings on the place and all the improvements, house, barns and other structures he has put here. His barns, where his milk is handled, are model buildings, with cement floors and with every convenience and sanitary condition required in modern days.

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J. R. CAMPBELL

His dairy products are first-class in every particular and meet with ready sale.

On September 23, 1893, Mr. Kepler was married to Maggie B. Grubb, who was born at Manchester, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of William and Rose (Mills) Grubb. The father of Mrs. Kepler is deceased. The mother resides with Mr. and Mrs. Kepler. For twenty years she was matron of the Summit County Children's Home. They had six children: Harry, residing at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Edwin, residing at Paine, Ohio, where he is a physician; Maggie B.; Catherine, who married E. Baumgardner; Artie; and Elma, who married Charles Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Kepler have one son, Chester Sterling.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Kepler belongs to the Masonic lodge at Barberton, and he is prominent as a Knight of Pythias, having twice represented his lodge at Sandusky and the Grand Lodge of the order at Columbus. He is one of the substantial men and successful agriculturists of Coventry Township.

J. R. CAMPBELL, who is interested in a real estate and insurance business, with offices in the Arcade Building, Akron, is a survivor of the Civil War, having spent several years in the service of his country. Mr. Campbell was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, December 15, 1843, and is a son of John Campbell, who formerly conducted a tannery at Smithville, Wayne County.

J. R. Campbell was reared and educated in his native place, where he learned the tanning business. On August 6, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army for three years, entering Company H, 102nd Regiment, O. V. I. In February, 1863, he was honorably discharged on account of disability, but in May, 1864, he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company A, 169th Regiment, O. V. I., and was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia, until the expiration of his second term of service, when he was again honorably discharged. He returned to his home and began work as a tanner, his father purchasing a tannery at Smithville. This plant Mr. Campbell purchased of his father in 1872, but the venture proved disastrous on account of the panic of 1873. In 1879 he came to Akron, and being without capital, went to work for James Christy & Sons for $1.25 a day, pending better business prospects. For six months he lived frugally and economically, when things took a turn for the better, and now Mr. Campbell owns property valued at $6,000. In his case, energy, patience and perseverance brought a sure reward. For eleven years he was at the head of the malleable department of the Whitman-Barnes Company, and in 1897 he was elected justice of the peace, in which office he served nine years, or three terms. He made an excellent officer and was noted for his wise decisions and incorruptible judicial attitude on all occasions. Since retiring from that office he has devoted himself to the real estate and insurance business, and although competition is keen at Akron, he has had no trouble in securing a large part of the business along these lines. He has been prominently identified with the beneficiary order of Royal Arcanum for a number of years, and has done much to build up that organization in this section.

In 1867 Mr. Campbell was married to Mary M. Bacheman, who is a daughter of Rev. Bacheman, a minister of the Reformed Church, and they have three children, namely: Arletta C., Homer C. and Carrie M. The latter is the widow of Robert E. Patterson, and resides at home. The older daughter is the wife of C. F. Tobey, residing at Cleveland. Homer C. Campbell, a practicing attorney at Cleveland, graduated with second honors at the Akron High School and later at the Adelbert Law School.

Mr. Campbell is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Akron and has been identified with its Charity Association. He is serving in his twelfth year as chaplain of Buckley Post, G. A. R., has been

all through the chairs of the organization, and was commander in 1895. He is serving also as secretary of the county board of the Soldiers' Relief Commission.

WILLIAM SOUERS, a prominent citizen and retired agriculturist of Summit County, who resides in his beautiful home at Kenmore, was born May 16, 1841, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of David and Catherine (Smith) Souers.

Phillip Souers, the grandfather of William Souers, brought his family from Pennsylvania to Green Township, Summit County, and settled as a pioneer in the woods, where he lived for about forty years, clearing a small farm and pursuing the carpenter trade. In his later years he removed to Roanoke, Indiana, near Fort Wayne, where he died at the ripe old age of ninety years. His first wife having died in Green Township in 1851, Phillip Souers was married a second time in Indiana. To the first union there were born five children: David; Allen; Sarah, who married Daniel Wiltrout; Mary, who married George Weston; and Elhanon, all now deceased.

David Souers, father of William, was just a boy when the trip to Ohio was made in wagons, and his youth was spent in helping his father to clear the home farm. When still a young man he learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked until his marriage, when he bought a farm of about eighty acres in Franklin Township, which he sold after a number of years, in 1857, buying 120 acres of land from John R. Buchtel. This land, now known as the Cobern Allotment, cost him fifty dollars per acre, and here he carried on operations for three years, when he traded it off and removed to the Reservoir farm in Coventry Township, where his death occurred September 29, 1888, at the age of seventy-eight years, his widow surviving him until April 17, 1892, when she died aged seventy-seven years. In 1840, Mr. Souers was married to Catherine Smith, whose family also came from the East, and to this union there were born six children: William; Daniel, who resides in Akron; Ellen, the widow of Daniel Warner; Sanford, who is deceased; Frank, who lives at Akron; and Charles who is a resident of Coventry.

William Souers was born in one of the first frame houses erected in this section of Franklin Township, and grew up on the farm, where most of his boyhood was spent. He attended the district school, which was situated about four miles from his home, and also worked for some time at New Portage. He lived with his father until thirty-one years of age, when he rented the farm where Kenmore is now located, a tract of seventy-five acres, from George Strawhecker. After living there about ten years, Mr. Souers purchased the farm at ninety dollars per acre, and here he continued to operate another ten years, when he sold the property to W. A. Johnson for about $12,000, and removed to his beautiful residence in Kenmore, where he and his wife have since lived in quiet retirement. At the time Mr. Souers first located on this property it was a barren waste of land, and he has seen it grow into one of the most beautiful sections of Coventry Township, the town of Kenmore. In business circles Mr. Souers is regarded as a man of good judgment and clear insight, while as a citizen and as a neighbor he is held in high esteem. In political life he is a Republican, but he has sought no political preferment. With his family he belongs to the Evangelical Church at Kenmore, in which he is class leader.

William Souers was married in 1864, to Susan Weaver, who was born in Coventry Township, and is a daughter of Daniel E. and Rebecca (Renninger) Weaver, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs Souers there have been born four children, namely: One who died in infancy; John, who died when twelve years old; George, who died at the age of nine years; and Mary, who married Aaron Faylor, and resides at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Faylor have one child, Ray.

FRED W. WOLF, dealer in staple and fancy groceries and smoked meats, who has an excellent business location at No. 41 Adams Street, Akron, was born in 1867, at Cuyahoga Falls, and was brought to Akron in his infancy, where he was reared and educated, graduating from the Akron High School in 1885.

Following his graduation, Mr. Wolf became identified with a business house, the Whitman & Barnes Company, with which he remained for thirteen years, during five years of this period being employed at the branch conducted at West Pullman, Chicago, After leaving West Pullman, Mr. Wolf engaged, in 1899, in a grocery business at Akron and purchased the stock of Mr. Ely and subsequently the property at No. 41 Adams Street, a building two stories high, with basement, its dimensions being 22x60 feet. In the rear he has a warehouse which is 24x30 feet. Business men generally considered it an excellent investment. Mr. Wolf is also one of the stockholders of the Aladdin Rubber Company, the Tyler Wholesale Company, the Akron Brewing Company, and others. In 1890, Mr. Wolf was married to Helena McMullen, of Akron, and they have three children: Cecelia, Howard and Ralph. Mr. Wolf is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and is also a member of the Masonic club.

WILIAM M. VANDERSALL, who owns a valuable farm of ninety-four acres in Coventry Township, situated about five miles south of Akron, belongs to an old pioneer family of this section and was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, June 8, 1851. He is a son of Samuel and Susanna (Yearick) Vandersall.

Samuel Vandersall was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Jacob Vandersall, who was born in Germany and sailed for America, in childhood, with his parents. They were unfortunate in their choice of a sailing vessel, as it lost its course and before landing was made, many of the poor emigrants starved to death. Perhaps this would have been the fate of the Vandersall family had not Jacob found a place in the hold of the vessel where rats had a nest and at night when the rodents came out, he would catch them and thus provide food which kept the party from starving. The Vandersalls settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and Jacob Vandersall, the grandfather of William M. became a preacher there in the Evangelical Church and preached also after he came to Stark County, Ohio. He had the following children: Jacob, John, David, Samuel, Mary A., Catherine and Elizabeth.

On the Stark County farm, Samuel Vandersall grew to manhood, helping to clear the land and also learning the wagon-making trade, having a shop of his own for several years. After his marriage he moved to Summit County and settled on a farm in Green Township, on which he lived for forty-five years, his death taking place there in 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was married January 21, 1834, to Susanna Yearick, who was born on her father's farm in Green Township and who still survives, now being the oldest woman in that township, having passed her ninety-second birthday, June 17, 1907. She has often told her children of her girlhood, when she used to pasture the cows on the site of the present great reservoir. The children of Samuel and Susanna Vandersall were the following: John, residing on his farm of 160 acres in Coventry Township; Mary, who married George Gougler; Abraham, at present preaching at Wellsville, Ohio, in the Evangelical Church; Simon, an Evangelical preacher, residing at Salem, Oregon; Sarah, residing on the old homestead with her venerable mother; Joseph; Elias Wesley; William Madison; Cornelius, who is deceased; and Daniel O.

William M. Vandersall grew to manhood on his father's farm in Green Township and obtained a good education for the time and locality, attending the district schools and a private school at Greensburg. He was, however, expected to do his share of farm work

and thus he was trained both physically and mentally. Shortly after his marriage he purchased his present farm, from William Shutt, his father-in-law. For a few years he lived with his family on his father's farm and for two years at Pleasant Valley, and then returned to this farm where he has remained ever since. He has always carried on a general line of farming and is numbered with the township's successful men.

On September 1, 1876, Mr. Vandersall was married to Samantha Shutt, who is a daughter of William and Susan (Cook) Shutt. They have had five children, namely: Clara E., who is a successful and valued teacher in the public schools of Akron; Herman M., who is a carpenter; Gomer, who died aged fourteen months; Laura C., residing at Kenmore; and Ora, residing at home. Mr. Vandersall and family belong to the Evangelical Church at Kenmore, and at various times he has served in church offices. He is one of the sterling men of the township and he and family are all held in great esteem.

CHARLES SWITZER, one of Summit County's most substantial citizens, whose magnificent farm of over 200 acres is situated in the southeastern corner of Coventry Township, was born August 28, 1822, in York County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Andrew and Eva (Stumer) Switzer.

The grandparents of Charles Switzer, who spelled the name Schweitzer, came from Germany and settled in York County, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had two sons, the youngest of whom was Andrew, the father of Charles. Andrew Schweitzer grew up on the farm in York County, Pennsylvania, but about twelve years after marriage removed with his wife and five children to Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where they settled on a rented farm. In about 1832-3 the family went to Portage County, Ohio, making the journey by four-horse team and wagon, and here Mr. Schweitzer purchased a farm of seventy-five acres, four acres of which were cleared and a log house built thereon. With the help of his children he cleared this property, and here made his home until after the death of his first wife, when he removed to Greensburg, Ohio, south of East Liberty, and here his death occurred in his eighty-second year. Andrew Schweitzer was married (first) to Eva Sturmer, whose parents had also come from Germany to York County, Pennsylvania, where she was born. She died on the Portage County farm in her fifty-second year, having been the mother of six children: Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Hilderbrand; Christiana, who married George Enders, lives in California, aged ninety-three years; Catherine, who married Adam Yerick; John, who died at the age of ten years; Charles; and Sarah, who married Franklin Tousley. Mr. Schweitzer was married (second) at Greensburg, Ohio, to Barbara Sweitzer, who survived him ten years.

Charles Switzer had to contend early in life with a lack of educational opportunities, as his services were demanded on the home farm, first in York County, Pennsylvania, and later in Indiana County, even before he had reached his tenth year. In his native State he received about one month's schooling, and after the family located in Portage County, Ohio, he attended school for short periods at odd times, and later received about two and one-half months' educational training in Summit County. When about twenty years of age Mr. Switzer left home to make his own way, going to East Liberty, Ohio, where he worked for John Castitter at farming, receiving twelve dollars per month and his board, which were considered very high wages in that day. He continued with Mr. Castitter for two summers and then spent one season in the employ of Adam Yerrick. After his mariage, Mr. Switzer rented a part of his present property, which was then owned by his father-in-law, John Tousley, and here he has made his home ever since. By 1853, he had accumulated enough capital to enable

him to purchase this excellent property, a tract of over 200 acres, and here he erected a large eight-room frame house, a substantial barn and good outbuildings. Although retired from active pursuits for the past twenty years, Mr. Switzer still superintends the operation of his farm, which is conceded to be one of the finest in this section of the county. In 1880, a fine vein of coal was discovered on a part of this property, and for twelve years it was mined by the Todd Stanbaugh Company. Mr. Switzer has been a stock holder in the People's Savings Bank since that institution's organization, and is a stock holder and director in the Dime Savings Bank at Akron.

On October 6, 1844, Charles Switzer was married to Rebecca Tousley, who was the daughter of John and Rebecca Tousley, and to this union there were born five children, namely: John A., who married Anna Leach; Joel B., who married Mary Yerick; Orlando, who died at the age of three years; Almira, who married John Brown; and Daniel Scott, who married Mazie Stoolberry. The mother of these children died in 1862, aged thirty-seven years. In October, 1864, Mr. Switzer was married (second) to Lydia M. Boone, who was the daughter of George Boone. Here death occurred in April, 1904, at the age of sixty-two years.

Mr. Switzer is a Republican. He has always taken an interest in the affairs of his community and has been found at the head of movements calculated to be of public benefit although he has never sought political office.

WILLIAM F. LAUBACH, treasurer and general manager of the Akron People's Telephone Company, was born at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was four years old when his parents moved to Loyal Oak, Summit County, Ohio, where he received his early educational training. Later he attended the Copley High School.

When fifteen years of age, Mr. Laubach came to Akron and began to learn the jewelry trade under one of the leading jewelers of the city, devoting his evenings to advancing his knowledge, especially along the line of commercial college work. From 1878 until 1883, Mr. Laubach served an apprenticeship under the supervision of the firm of Foltz & Frank, and continued with them as a clerk until 1892, when he was admitted to partnership and remained active in the business until 1900. Failing health warned him to change his occupation, and he then identified himself with the Akron People's Telephone Company, becoming treasurer and general manager.

In 1898, Mr. Laubach was married to Grace Henry, who is a daughter of M. W. Henry, one of Akron's pioneer merchants. They have one daughter, Martha. Mr. Laubach is a member of the First Congregational Church and one of its board of deacons. His fraternal connections are mainly with the various Masonic bodies, as follows: member of Adoniram Lodge, No. 517; Washington Chapter, No. 25; Akron Council, No. 80; past eminent commander of Akron Commandery, No. 25; member of Lake Erie Consistory, and a thirty-second degree Mason.

CHARLES E. WISE, who owns 160 acres of fine land in Franklin Township, which lies along the dividing line from Green Township, is one of the representative farmers of this section, and one of its substantial and reliable men. He was born on the farm of his grandfather, in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, December 29, 1865, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kepler) Wise.

Daniel Wise, the grandfather of Charles E., was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Peter Wise, whose whole life was passed in Pennsylvania. His children were: Peter, John, Jacob, William, Daniel, Samuel, Betsey, Catherine and Lydia, all now deceased except Betsey, who married Peter Miller.

Daniel Wise was the first of the family to come to Ohio, and he walked all the way to Summit County from Bucks County, Penn-

sylvania. He located in Green Township among the early pioneers and began to clear land, and when opportunity offered, worked at his trade—that of stone-mason. After a time he was joined by his brother Samuel, who made the long journey with a horse and wagon. The brothers married sisters, Samuel espousing Catherine, and Daniel, Sarah Raber, both being daughters of Henry Raber, a pioneer farmer in the locality. At one time Henry Raber owned 1,000 acres of land in Summit County, and he gave each of his children a farm. In early times he carried his wheat by wagon, to Cleveland, where he sold it for from forty to fifty cents a bushel. He died on his original homestead farm of 160 acres, when almost ninety years of age.

After his marriage, Daniel Wise gave the larger part if his attention to farming. He died in Green Township, owning at that time three farms, aged eighty-two years, and his widow died within three days of one year later. Daniel and Sarah Wise had the following children: John D.; Henry, father of Charles E.; Louisa, who married John Neal; Daniel, residing in Illinois; Frank and Calvin, both residing in Green Township; and Sarah, now deceased, who married L. Preere.

Henry Wise was reared on his father's farm in Green Township, assisting from boyhood in the heavy work which was made necessary by the wild condition of a large part of his father's property at that time. For a short period he attended the old log school-house and sat on the rough benches which were considered perfectly suitable in those days, but he had time to acquire no more than the rudiments of knowledge. From 1861 to 1863 he was engaged in drilling oil wells at Oil City, Pennsylvania, but with that exception, his whole life was spent in Summit County. For a time he resided south of Barberton, but later moved to the north of that town, where he died November 25, 1905, aged sixty-two years. He married Elizabeth Kepler, who was born and reared in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Marsh) Kepler, both of whom survive. They had four children: Charles Elmer, Olive, Harvey A., and Ida A., all now living, except the youngest, who died aged four years. Ida A. married Martin Ling.

Charles Elmer Wise was born while his parents lived in the house now owned by Huston Keppler, which was the home of his maternal grandfather. In a short time they moved to Franklin Township and located on the farm where Harvey Wise now lives, and where the three other children were born. It was on that farm that Charles E. Wise lived until his marriage, in the meanwhile obtaining his education in the district schools. For one year following his marriage, Mr. Wise farmed for his father-in-law at Norton, removing from there to a farm in Franklin Township, where he remained until 1891, when he settled on his present place which he secured from his father. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. Wise operates a portable sawmill. He has added to the original farm acreage and has much improved the property. In 1893 he built his substantial barn all of his buildings are kept in good order, his farm machinery is sufficient for his needs, and his surroundings indicate thrift and good management. In addition to this valuable property he owns the residence site at No. 76 Fay street, Akron.

In February, 1888, Mr. Wise was married to Cora A. Miller, who is a daughter of Jacob J. and Theresa Miller, and they have one son, Walter A. Mr. Wise is a good citizen, but he takes no very active interest in politics.

FRANK CORMANY, residing on his valuable farm of fifty-one acres in Coventry Township, is the owner of 112 acres, the balance being situated in Long Lake Park. Mr. Cormany was born March 12, 1855, on the old Cormany homestead in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Harter) Cormany.

John Cormany was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1859. With his brothers he came to Summit County in early days, and they bought a large tract of timber land in

Coventry Township, which they set about clearing. When the land was subsequently divided, each brother secured about forty acres. John Cormany married Rebecca Harter who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Ohio, in 1906, aged eighty-five years. She was a daughter of Jacob Harter, who settled in the green woods of Summit County, on the site of the present city of Barberton. To her marriage with John Cormany there were born eleven children, namely: Jeremiah, who died aged five months; Phillip; Catherine, who married George Pow; Mrs. Araminta Miller; Mrs. Rohama Allen; Levi; Lushia, who is deceased; Frank; Aaron, who is deceased; Mary, deceased, who married Frank Shick; Mrs. Emma Wartsbaueher. Mrs. Cormany later contracted a second marriage with Moses Shick, to which no children were born.

Frank Cormany remained with his mother for a short time after the death of his father, and then went to assist his uncle, Samuel Cormany, with whom he remained until the latter's death. In the meantime he had become a skilled farmer and after his marriage he purchased land, first from Samuel Peifer and next from Samuel Cormany, his uncle. His land is well improved and would command a high price if placed on the market. For some years he has been practically retired from agricultural work, his stalwart sons being capable of looking after the property, and they also are engaged in all kinds of teaming.

In July, 1877, Mr. Cormany was married to Malinda Sellers, who is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Rinninger) Sellers, both of whom, in Coventry township, died in advanced age. Mrs. Cormany has the following brothers and sisters: Mary, who married Daniel Thomas; Maria, who married Robert Bidiker; Henry; Hiram; Malinda, and Joel.

Mr. and Mrs. Cormany have had five children, namely: Anna, who died in infancy; Irvin, who married Miss Wagner, resides near his father, and they have children; Samuel, who married Miss Mosier, has one child, and they reside at Barberton; and Clinton and Grace.

Politically, Mr. Cormany is a Republican. In March, 1907, he was elected, with Allen Swartz and William Bergdorf, road superintendent in Coventry Township, and has proved a careful and efficient public official.

JOHN ROSE, a representative citizen of Coventry Township, residing on his fine tract of 125 acres, was born on his father's farm in Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, October 29, 1838, and is a son of George and Susan (Pontious) Rose, and a grandson of Philip Rose.

George Rose was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was one of a family of five children, his only brother dying unmarried, at the age of twenty-one years. He was young when the family came to Stark County, Ohio. After his marriage, in 1867, Mr. Rose sold his farm in Stark County, and came to Coventry Township, Summit County, where the rest of his life was spent. Both he and his wife reached advanced age, and died at the home of their son John. Reared to agricultural pursuits, George Rose continued to be a farmer all his life, and prospered to such an extent that he was able to give each of his children a start in life. George Rose was married in Stark County, Ohio, to Susan Pontious, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and who came to Stark County with her parents when about twelve years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Rose there were born three children: Jacob, who moved to Indiana, where he became a man well thought of, and died at the age of sixty-nine years; Susan, who married Joseph Young, also moved to Indiana and later to Kansas; and John.

John Rose received his education in the district schools of Stark County, and was reared on his father's farm, where his youth was spent in hard, honest toil. For about four years after his marriage he carried on farming in Stark County, and then moved to Coventry Township, Summit County, and purchased his present farm from John Donner.

He cleared off the timber, stumps and built a substantial barn, and has done much to make his farm one of the best in the township. Mr. Rose has always been an industrious, hard-working farmer, and has the respect and esteem of the entire community.

Mr. Rose was married in Stark County, to Sarah Garl, who was born in Portage County, Ohio, and she died April 6, 1906, at the age of sixty-seven years. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose, namely: Mary, who married E. P. Fouse; Christina, who married M. Fouse; Jacob, who married Amanda Focht; Lydia, who married F. Fouse; Elsie, who married Adam Warner; Amanda, who married J. Hicks; Daniel, who married Julia Willems, resides on his father's farm, and has three children, Chester, William and Irene; Charles, who married Mary Hembanch; and Eli, who married Tillie Yanker.

In political matters Mr. Rose is a Democrat, and he has served as township trustee for twenty-three years. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church.

FRANCIS X. ADAMS, M.D., a very successful general medical practitioner at Akron, with well-equipped offices at No. 728 South Main Street, has been engaged in professional work in this city since 1893, and has built up a large and very satisfactory practice. He was born in Cambria County, Pennsylvania. When Dr. Adams was a youth of fifteen years, his parents removed to Kent, Portage County, Ohio, where he completed his literary education, after which he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1885. Dr. Adams settled at Kent, where he continued to practice until 1888, when he removed to New Portage, Summit County, and subsequently to Akron, in September, 1893. Dr. Adams is a progressive member of his profession and keeps well posted on all matters pertaining to it, belonging to the Ohio State Eclectic and the Northeastern Ohio Eclectic Medical Societies.

Dr. Adams was married, in 1877, to Catherine L. Sheridan, of Kent, Ohio, who died in October, 1903. She is survived by two daughters: Gertrude R., who married Clyde Orr, who is in business at Akron; and Geraldine, who is still at school. Dr. Adams and his daughters belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, at Akron, and the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society.

WALTER L. SACKMANN, manufacturer, with a general machine shop located on Sweitzer Avenue, Akron, does a large business in the manufacture of steel stamps, steneils and seals, brass and aluminum cheeks, steel letters and figures. He was born at Cleveland, Ohio, in December, 1876, and is a son of the late Henry Sackmann, who settled in Cleveland in 1844 and carried on a manufacturing business there for a number of years.

From the schoolroom, Mr. Sackmann entered the manufacturing plant of his brother, who was engaged in the manufacturing of steel stamps and stencils, and after four years of experience there, entered the employ of A. H. Dickey, in the same line. In 1900, he came to Akron and engaged in the mold lettering business for the Goodyear Rubber Company, and in May, 1901, he embarked in the stamp and steneil business. In his machine shop he manufactures special machinery, molds of all kinds, blanking and forming dies and also does punch press work. The business is one which demands special training and a large amount of care and accuracy from every employe. In 1903, Mr. Sackmann was married to Emmy M. Droz, of Cleveland.

R. M. WILSON, manager of the Akron Laundry Company, which operates the largest and most modern laundry in Akron, was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1862, and is a son of the late Jonathan Wilson.

Since completing his education, Mr. Wil-

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son has been mainly engaged in the laundry business, operating a plant of his own. In 1901 the Akron Laundry Company was incorporated, with a capital stock of $20,000, with N. P. Goodhue, president; E. J. Alderfer, vice-president; and R. M. Wilson, secretary and treasurer. The company has erected a fine brick building, 42 by 132 feet in dimensions, and two stories in height, which they have equipped with all modern appliances for the rapid, thorough, and sanitary conduct of their industry. They give work to forty-five employes and have five wagons in continual use. Their efforts to please the public have been generously recognized. In 1892, Mr. Wilson was married to Sophia M. Smith, of Akron. Mr. Wilson is an Elk and is a trustee of the Akron branch of this order.

CAPT. SUMNER NASH, for years secretary and treasurer of the Akron Belting Company, and a member of the board of directors of The Permanent Savings and Loan Company, and of The Abstract Guarantee & Trust Company, at Akron, is now numbered with the retired manufacturers of this city. Captain Nash was born May 10, 1836, in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Hophni and Lovisa (King) Nash. The ancestors of Captain Nash on both paternal and maternal sides were of Scotch-Irish extraction and were early settlers in Massachusetts, where both the Nash and King families have been identified with important public affairs for generations.

Hophni Nash was born in Williamsburg, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, January 10, 1797. At the age of twenty years, in the fall of 1817, he came to Ohio and during the following winter taught school in the vicinity of Ghent, Summit County. In 1819 he was elected the first township clerk of Bath. In the same year, he returned to his native State and was married to Miss Lovisa King, at Chesterfield. Soon after they settled on a farm near the center of Bath. He was re-elected and served as clerk of Bath Township for many years, which office was in later years held by each of his three sons. He followed his chosen occupation of farming during the whole of his active life. He died at the home of his son, Sumner, in Akron, April 17, 1882, at the age of eighty-five years. After his death, the widow resided with Dr. E. K. Nash at Montrose, in Bath Township, where she survived until January 6, 1892, dying at the ripe old age of ninety years. They had born to them five children, namely: Harriet, married Curtis D. Barber and settled at Plymouth, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin; later she married a Mr. Williams, and for many years resided in Rock County, Minnesota. Again left a widow, she spent her few remaining years with her children, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Whitney, at Beaver Creek, Minnesota, where she died December 2, 1907, at the age of eighty-two. Dr. E. K. Nash entered the U. S. service in 1862 as assistant surgeon, was assigned to duty in the Fourteenth O. V. I. Regiment, in the Department of the Cumberland. He was in service on the field and in hospital at Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, and thence with Sherman to the sea. In July, 1865 he returned home with the rank of major. He practiced medicine at Montrose for many years, and recently removed to Akron. Nancy Ellen, widow of R. D. Pierson, now resides at Lincoln, Nebraska, with her daughter Mary A. Freeland. Thomas W., on October 3, 1861, enlisted in the 29th Regiment, O. V. I., for three years; at the expiration of this period he re-enlisted in the same regiment. He was in service in the Department of the Potomac and participated in all important battles until captured at Port Republic. He was prisoner for four months, was transferred with the Eastern Army to the Army of the Cumberland at Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, then on to Atlanta, etc. He was discharged July, 1865, with rank of captain of Company B. He is now bookkeeper and private secretary at Akron, Ohio, for A. M. Barber, a millionaire of Chicago, Ill. He married (second) Mrs. Clara Van Orman, of Akron.

Sumner Nash was born in a log cabin on the farm, near Bath Center, had the usual district school education and also an academic course at Richfield. He was of a somewhat venturous disposition, and when but nineteen years of age, left home and penetrated into the wilds of Wisconsin. He had many experiences with Indians, while driving the stage-coach between Oshkosh and New London. The Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Railroad Company was then constructing its line from Plymouth, Wisconsin, westward, and Mr. Nash secured the contract for clearing off the timber and making it into railroad ties and cordwood, which contract he filled to the satisfaction of both parties. In the fall and winter of 1856-57, at Oshkosh, he had entire management of a hardware store for Mr. E. H. Barber, during the latter's absence in the Southern States. In 1857 he returned to Ohio, and again attended the Richfield Academy, later farming for his father during several summers and teaching school through the winters. On August 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 115th Regiment O. V. I., and served with courage and fidelity until the close of the war. He was mustered out July 7, 1865, as first lieutenant, although for months he had held the position of captain and was the commanding officer of Company A of said regiment. He entered the service as private of Company G, 115th Regiment, O. V. I., August 6, 1862. He was promoted by being elected by vote of the company to Orderly Sergeant August 12, 1862; Second Lieutenant, August 21, 1862, and First Lieutenant of Company A, August 11, 1864.

Service.—His regiment was organized at Camp Massillon, Ohio, and mustered into U. S. service for three years, on September 18, 1862. The regiment was ordered to Cincinnati, Ohio, September 27, 1862; to Camp Chase, Ohio, October 4, 1862; was on duty there till November; then to Maysville, Kentucky, remaining on duty there till November 18, when it was ordered to Covington, Kentucky, where it remained on duty till June, 1863. He was detailed to command an expedition from Covington to Boone County, Kentucky, to enforce Burnside's general order No. 6. Also in command of a detachment to follow the rebel, General Morgan, in his raid through Ohio, to collect Government property and property abandoned by him, amounting to between 1,000 and 2,000 horses and mules, together with much other property, all of which was turned over to the post quartermaster at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was on duty in Cincinnati from July, 1863 to October. He was detailed by Gen. J. D. Cox, commanding the Department of Ohio, to take command of the forces and post at Dayton, Ohio, during the October election for governor, at which time and place political strife became intensely heated, resulting in several persons being shot by "Vallandingham Copperheads." George L. Waterman, Second Lieutenant of Company C, and one of its noblest soldiers, was fatally wounded while on duty in said city. After election he was ordered to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where Mr. Nash remained, while Hood occupied Lookout Mountain and until just before the latter was routed from the mountain never to return. Thence he went to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, First Brigade, Third Division, Twelfth Corps, Department of the Cumberland. In November, 1863, he was detached in command of sixty men to garrison Blockhouse No. 4, at Lavergne, Tennessee. In November, 1864, he was detached on staff duty by order of General George H. Thomas. He was assigned to duty as assistant inspector of railroad defenses, under Major James R. Willetts, First U. S. Engineers. He was assigned to duty on the Nashville & Western Railroad, owing to Hood's advance and capture of said road. He was then assigned to general staff duty in Nashville, being placed in absolute charge of the Conscript Division, which was engaged in establishing and perfecting the defenses in and around that city during Hood's investment, December 1 to 14, and the battles of December 15th and 16th, which resulted in the defeat of Hood and complete route of his entire army of 70,000 men. After Hood's

retreat South, he was assigned as assistant inspector of railroad defenses on the Nashville & Clarksville Railroad headquarters at Springfield, Tennessee, from December, 1864, to February, 1865. After getting all garrisons on this road established and equipped, he was transferred on same duty to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in charge of all garrisons and defenses of all railroads East and South of Chattanooga in the Department of the Cumberland, from February to June, 1865. On June 22, 1865, by order of General Thomas he returned to the regiment at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, thence forward in command of Company A, 115th Regiment. He was honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, July 7, 1865, thence home to Bath, place of enlistment. The three brothers all in the Civil War from two to four years, till the close of the war and all returned held a family reunion at the old homestead. All are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Sumner is a member of the Loyal Legion, Ohio Commandery, of Cincinnati.

In the fall of 1865 Sumner Nash, in company with his brother, T. W., took Greeley's advice, went west and purchased a farm of 160 acres near Chatsworth, Illinois. Returning to Ohio, Sumner taught school the following winter at Bath Center.

Captain Nash was married March 8, 1866, to Rebecca M. Means, daughter of Captain John A. Means, of Northfield, Summit County, Ohio, and at once they settled on their Illinois farm, which they worked till the fall of 1868, when, owing to the failing health of Mrs. Nash, they returned to Summit County, where Mrs. Nash died July 18, 1869, at her father's home, leaving one child, Maude M. Sumner Nash worked his father-in-law's farm for the following two years. In the year 1872 Mr. Nash was appointed Deputy County Clerk, which position he filled to the close of John A. Means' term, when he was reappointed and served in the same capacity through two terms of three years each for Clerk George W. Weeks. He was himself elected clerk in 1878 and in 1881, serving two full terms of three years each. Mr. Nash was married (second) June 23, 1874, to Linnie S. Cross, of Columbus, Ohio, since which time they have resided continuously in Akron at No. 275 East Market Street.

In 1891 M. Maude Nash married Dr. J. W. Rabe, of Cleveland, Ohio, after which the doctor has followed his profession in Akron. They have two children, Mary Adelaide and James W., Jr.

In 1885, after the close of his second term as clerk of courts, Sumner Nash raised a stock company for the manufacture and sale of leather belting and other mill supplies. The company was duly organized and incorporated under the laws of Ohio with a capitalization of $50,000, in the name of "The Akron Belting Company," he being chosen its secretary and treasurer, which offices he held for many years. Under his management the business prospered as a new company till the quality of its manufactured goods, the "Akron" brand of belting, had proven itself to be what was claimed for it—"Second to None," requiring only extended patronage to insure correspondingly large profits. In 1895 "The Brigger Belting Company," of South Akron, being unsuccessful financially, at its own solicitation, was purchased by "The Akron Belting Company," including its "liabilities," etc. Mr. A. S. Rinehart, former president of "The B. B. Company," was placed in charge of the Advertising and Sales Department of "The A. B. Company." Under this combined management, the anticipated increased patronage was secured. The capitalization of the company was increased to $100,000, and the building capacity has been doubled and quadrupled to keep pace with the output of the goods manufactured. These goods have given general satisfaction and gained such a reputation at home and abroad that they are now shipped to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. The output has increased from a few thousands to nearly half a million dollars annually. In 1904 he resigned as treasurer of said com-

pany. For many years the company has declared a liberal quarterly dividend from its surplus earnings, which surplus is largely in excess of its capitalization. The present officers are: President, A. B. Rinehart; vice president, Sumner Nash; secretary and treasurer, George Wince, and superintendent, Webster Thorp.

Mr. Nash has visited the Island of Cuba two or three times and became so delighted with the climate that he, with an equal partner, purchased about 1,200 acres of timber land situated between the Cubitas Mountains and the north coast, an exceedingly fertile valley, the nearest point of which is only one mile distant from La Gloria, in Porto Principe Province, the largest and oldest American Colony in the island. The climate and soil are well adapted to citrons and other tropical fruits. Mr. Nash owns an improved farm of 280 acres near Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, 100 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri. Politically, Mr. Nash has always been a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Nash and daughter are members of the First Congregational Church of Akron.

ST. CLAIR STEELE, who is successfully engaged in a general mercantile business at Silver Lake Junction, or Old Village, as the place is generally denominated by residents of Cuyahoga Falls, was born in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, September 13, 1842. He is a son of Isaac and Margaret C. (Steele) Steele, a grandson of Isaac, and a great-grandson of Adam Steele.

Adam Steele served through the Revolutionary War and his son Isaac, in boyhood, served as a bugler and a mail carrier for the fighting patriots. Adam Steele moved to Ohio from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Stow Township, Summit County, among the pioneers, where he died in 1811. His son, Isaac, was born in Pennsylvania, and settled permanently in Stow Township, in 1820. He participated in the War of 1812. He married Betsey Galloway, and their children were: John, Isaac, Mary, Eliza, Anna, and Margaret, all long since passed away.

Isaac Steele, son of Isaac, was born in 1812, and died May 27, 1883. In 1842 he married Margaret C. Steele, a distant cousin, who died September 21, 1853. They had the following children: St. Clair, Nancy, Henderson, Ellen E., and Thomas, both daughters being deceased.

St. Clair Steele was educated in the district schools of Stow Township and assisted on the home farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he was one of the first to offer his services to his country. Mr. Steele enlisted in April, 1861, in Company K, Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but was taken sick soon after reaching Camp Taylor, and was sent home. On September 10, 1861, he re-enlisted, entering Battery D, First Ohio Light Artillery, and continued in the service until October 17, 1864. During this last summer of the war, Mr. Steele filled the position of a non-commissioned officer and for a short time acted as a commissioned officer, in the drilling of the troops. He was taken prisoner at Munfordsville, Kentucky, but was paroled, on condition that he would remain with the Confederate Army until permission was given him to leave. With his comrades he ran away and joined the Union lines, 110 miles distant, subsequently reaching the parole camp at Columbus. On February 22d, following he was exchanged and then went back to the front with his regiment.

Following the closing of the war, Mr. Steele engaged in business as a wholesale butcher and bought and sold livestock for eighteen months, after which, for two years, he was with a Cleveland lumber company. He then engaged in farming, threshing and lumbering until 1880, when he took charge of the shop at the State Penitentiary for nearly two years. He then went to work for his brothers Henderson and Thomas, as sawyer, this being about 1897. In 1892 he built his store building and stocked it with groceries, but in a short time sold that stock and rented the building. In 1897 he again took possession of his former store and since then has been engaged in a general mercantile business. He

is a reputable business man and honored citizen.

Mr. Steele married Sarah J. McCauley, of Hudson, who is a daughter of Peter and Mary McCauley, and they have two children: Harry C., who is connected with the street railway; and Mabel M., who married William Taylor, who is employed in her father's store. The family belong to the Episcopal Church.

Peter McCauley, father of Mrs. Steele, was born in Ireland and was a small child when he accompanied his mother to America. Here he learned the shoemaker trade which he followed for many years at Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio, later moving to Hudson, where he spent the rest of his life on a farm, dying in April, 1863. He married Mary O'Brien, who was born at Hudson, Ohio, and who was a daughter of Harry O'Brien, a Protestant Irishman, who came from Ireland and settled in Portage County in the year that Ohio became a State.

Politically, Mr. Steele is identified with the Republican party. He served as trustee of Stow Township for two terms and was a member of the City Council of Cuyahoga Falls for one term. He is one of the active members of Eddy Post, G. A. R., at Cuyahoga Falls.

MATTHIAS COFFMAN, a highly esteemed retired farmer who resides on his well-cultivated farm of seventy-five and one-half acres of excellent farming land in Northampton Township, was born January 4, 1835, in Berlin Township, Trumbull (now Mahoning) County, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Swartz) Coffman.

Samuel Coffman was born in 1802, in Pennsylvania, and there received his education. After his marriage he removed to Berlin Township, Summit County, Ohio, where he acquired 100 acres of land, on which he raised principally flax, a crop not generally grown now in this section. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church, but because there was no church of that denomination in their vicinity, they attended the German Reformed Church. Mr. Coffman died in 1861. He was married to Elizabeth Swartz, who was also born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of Matthias Swartz, and they had the following children: Mary Ann, Zacharias and Samuel, all deceased; and Matthias, Tobias and Abraham.

Matthias Coffman received his education in the district schools of Berlin Township, and began to teach while still a pupil, completing the term when the regular teacher had been taken sick. He also taught a second term, in Deerfield Township, in Portage County, but when eighteen or nineteen years of age started to work out among the farmers of his section, having a preference for farm work. From 1855 to 1858 he engaged in the manufacture of pearl and soda ash on his own account, having previously worked for his brother-in-law for three years in the same business, one carried on at that time where land was being cleared to a large extent. In March, 1865, Mr. Coffman enlisted in Company B, 188th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Civil War for seven months in Tennessee, being a faithful soldier. His present farm he purchased in 1863, and later he added ten acres thereto, but subsequently sold them again, the farm now being its original size. Mr. Coffman has done some dairying, but his attention is given chiefly to general farming. He has a circular silo 12 x 24 feet and other substantial buildings on his farm, which is kept in the finest condition. He owns a registered Jersey bull and nine registered Jersey cattle. Mr. Coffman is a stanch Prohibitionist, and although he has never had political aspirations, he has served two years as township trustee. Formerly he was identified with the United Brethren Church, in which he was a class leader for some time, but there is no church of that denomination in this locality now.

On August 16, 1857, Mr. Coffman was married to Sarah Jane Bean, who is a daughter of Henry Bean, of Northampton Township, and to this union there has been born one daughter: Mary Ploney, who is the wife of Nelson Alden Bucklin, who is the pres-

ent manager of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bucklin have one daughter, Ardis Auverne.

JOHN WALDKIRCH, who is a successful general farmer, residing on the old home place of sixty acres of excellent land, which is situated in Coventry Township, was born December 9, 1860, in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Christian and Mary (Stortz) Waldkirch.

Christian Waldkirch was born in Germany, where he lived into manhood, when he and his brother, John Waldkirch, came to America and both settled in Summit County. Christian found employment in the McDonald Hotel, at South Akron, and later worked on the Van Hyning farm. After his marriage he rented a farm in Norton Township and operated that for a number of years or until he was prepared to buy his first farm, which was situated near the reservoir in Coventry Township. In the following year he sold that place and moved to Akron, where he was employed in a shop for about eight years, after which he rented a farm on the Copley road, on which he lived for eight years, and then bought the present farm, from Frank Horssler. Christian Waldkirch lived on this farm until the end of his life. He was an industrious, frugal man, who lived at peace with the world, and in dying left a fair estate to his family. His death occurred in August, 1904, at the age of eighty-five years. He married Mary Stortz, who was also born in Germany, a most excellent woman, who died in 1891, aged sixty-seven years. They had four children: Norman, Christian, John and Louisa.

John Waldkirch grew up on the home farm and has always done his full share in developing and improving it. He was educated in the public schools at Akron, but in his boyhood there was too much to be done on the farm to allow his attendance to be very continuous. The farm was left by the father to to Mr. Waldkirch and his sister Louisa, the latter of whom married Joseph Mitchell. She has three children: Alice, Fred and Ernest.

Mr. Waldkirch is a Republican and always exercises his right of citizenship at the polls, but he has never permitted his name to be used in any contest for office. He is well known in his neighborhood and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. He is the only one of his family who is unmarried.

JOHN K. WILLIAMS, president and general manager of the Williams Foundry and Machine Company, of Akron, has been a resident of this city for a quarter of a century. He was born in 1856, in southern Wisconsin, where he was reared and attended school and later learned the machinist's trade.

In 1882, Mr. Williams was called to Akron to put in the machinery for the Portage Strawboard Company, and the big Quaker Oats mill, on Howard street. He found this city a promising field and in 1884 he started into a machine business for himself, which he carried on until 1897, when the Williams Foundry and Machine Company was incorporated. The capital stock of this company is $50,000, and the officers of the company are: John K. Williams, president and general manager; C. H. Williams, vice-president; and C. Franze, secretary and treasurer. The company does a general jobbing and machine business, giving employment to about seventy-five men, and engaging only skilled labor. The plant is a four-story building, 150 by 40 feet, with a foundry attached, two stories in height and with dimensions of 100 by 50 feet. The work turned out from this plant bears the mark of efficiency, and each year the business is expanded, now ranking with other large enterprises of Akron. In 1882, Mr. Williams was married to Mamie Weston, of Springfield Township, Summit County. Mr. Williams is affiliated with the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, one of Coventry Township's most highly esteemed citizens, who filled the offices of township treasurer and treasurer of the Board of Education

for over a quarter of a century, was born on a farm at East Liberty, Summit County, Ohio, October 5, 1845, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Weaver) Warner.

Henry Warner, the grandfather of William A., came from Maryland to Ohio when a young man, making the journey with ox-teams, and settled near Canton for a short time, subsequently locating in the woods of Coventry Township. His wife and children assisted him in clearing the farm, and here the rest of his life was spent. Indians were numerous in those early days, and they often came to Henry Warner's home to beg tobacco, and provi-ions. Mr. Warner lived to be seventy-five years of age, passing away while resting in his chair. His widow lived to the same age, dying some years later. Henry Warner was married in Maryland, to Elizabeth Kepler, and to them were born eight sons, all of whom lived to maturity: John, Jacob, Samuel, William, and Abraham survive. Adam, Solomon and Daniel, are deceased. Jacob and William Warner served in the Civil War and they are members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

John Warner, father of William A., was born on the farm near Canton, Ohio, June 22, 1821, and in boyhood came with the family to Summit County, where he has ever since resided, and has long been a highly respected citizen of Norton Township. He is one of the few men still living in the county who helped build the reservoir, on which he worked as a boy. He married Elizabeth Weaver, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, and died in October, 1904, aged about eighty-two years. Six children were born to this union, as follows: William A., Henry, Samuel, Mary, John J., and Adam. Mary died aged five months. When William A. Warner was about three years of age his parents settled on land near his present home, and shortly thereafter the Steese Company opened a coal mine, where he subsequently worked for two and one-half years, after reaching manhood. He grew up on the farm, and being the eldest child, much of the work of clearing the place fell to him. His education was secured in the log schoolhouse, which he attended about four months each year, this affording what was thought to be a good education in those days. Through his hard work in the mines, for which he received two dollars per day, he saved over $600, which he put out at interest. During this time Mr. Warner had been married and he and his wife went to live on the old home place of his grandfather, a farm of 106 acres, which he cultivated on shares for about ten years, and then purchased. At first he had to be content with the old log buildings then standing, but later he replaced these with some of the finest structures in the township. He followed general farming until he retired from active pursuits, when he gave over the management of his farm of seventy-five acres to his son-in-law, William J. Farriss.

In December, 1865, Mr. Warner was married to Sarah Spittler, who died May 21, 1905, aged sixty-five years. She was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, and two children were born to them, namely: William J., who died when about six months old; and Mary E., who married William J. Farriss.

Mr. Warner is a Democrat. He was first elected treasurer of Coventry Township, in 1880, and has filled that office continuously for the past twenty-five years. His last term expired in December, 1907, when he definitely declined to accept the office again. His long period of official life has been one to which he can look with honest pride through the remainder of his life. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at South Akron.

John Farriss, the grandfather of William J. Farriss, was a native of England who emigrated to America and settled in Seneca County, New York, where he died at the age of eighty-five years. Of his family of six children, William Farriss was next to the eldest. He was born in England, and was three years of age when the family came to America. He grew up on his father's farm,

and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a number of years, for a time at Cleveland, Ohio, where he helped to finish the Chadwick home, which has been frequently mentioned in the past few years, in the new-papers, in connection with the late Mrs. Chadwick. Later he went back to New York, where he spent several years. On his return to Cleveland he worked at his trade for a short time, and then settled on a farm in New Portage, Summit County, Ohio. In 1899 he sold this property and retired from active business, and now resides at Barberton. William Farriss was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Susan Brooker, who was born February 15, 1840, and is a native of Settingborn, England. Mr. and Mrs. Farriss had six children: Carrie, who married Timothy Hunsberger; William James; Nora Jane, who married M. High; John Lewis; Lewis Brooker, who married Blanche Allen; and Susie A., who married H. Werntz.

William James Farriss was born in New York, July 12, 1862, and was about six years old when his parents removed from New York to New Portage, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood on his father's farm.

On December 12, 1889, Mr. Farriss was married to Mary E. Warner, who is a daughter of William H. and Sarah A. (Spettler) Warner, and four children have been born to this union: Lottie May, who died in infancy, June 3, 1891; Sarah Esther, born December 14, 1894; William Albert, born March 20, 1896; and Adela Maude, born June 6, 1898.

For nine years after his marriage, Mr. Farriss resided on his present farm, although for the last three of these he was engaged as a traveling salesman for the Akron Cultivator Company. Then for four years he lived on his old family home at New Portage, but at the end of that time returned to the Warner home, which he purchased from his father-in-law, in 1905. He has a fine farm, on which are all the conveniences of a city home, including waterworks, laundry and other improvements, these having been put in by Mr. Farriss. He built the first entirely concrete silo in Ohio, and Mrs. Farriss was the first woman in the State to feed a fodder cutter, operated by a gasolene engine. His dairy products are sold to the *Buchtel* Hotel.

Mr. Farriss and wife belong to the South Main Methodist Episcopal Church and have always taken an active interest in church matters.

HARRY E. LOOMIS, general manager of the National Coal Company, at Akron, with offices in the Hamilton Building, is an old experienced coal man, having been connected with this industry for many years. He was born at Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, in 1860, and is a son of E. G. Loomis, a prominent railroad and coal man, who was a pioneer in the latter business in this section.

Harry E. Loomis worked in the coal mines while still a schoolboy. In 1878 he was made superintendent of three mines of the Silver Creek Mining and Railway Company, of which his father was president and general manager, and during the great miners' strike, proved of great value to the company, with which he continued to be connected for about five years. He completed his education at the Western Reserve College, and in 1880 came to Akron. He then studied law in the office of Attorney L. D. Waters, was subsequently admitted to the bar and practiced for a short time, but then returned to the coal business. For several years he was general manager of the Loomis Coal Company, and then, for several years more, was engaged in the practice of law, but subsequently he again became identified with the coal interests of this section, becoming secretary and manager of the National Coal Company, which operates three mines in the Cambridge District, having an output of 2,000,000 tons annually. This is one of the most extensive coal mining companies in the State and owns the three largest producing mines in the county. Mr. Loomis is interested in other coal companies and coal banks. He is probably as well informed

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concerning this important industry as any one in the State, and having made it his main business in life, has the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts have been crowned by sucess.

Mr. Loomis has one daughter, who is the wife of Forrest Firestone, a well-known attorney at Akron. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he is a Thirty-second Degree Mason and belongs to the leading social clubs of Akron.

JOSEPH HILL, one of the older residents of Portage Township, yet one of her most active and capable men, owns a large body of land aggregating 250 acres, the larger amount being in Portage and fifty acres in Northampton Township. He was born in Vermont, November 30, 1824, and is a son of Tyler and Sallie (Fish) Hill.

In 1836, the parents of Mr. Hill came out to Ohio, crossing the Green mountains and following the road to Albany, taking the canal from there to Buffalo and then the old ship, "Portage," to Cleveland. What a world of adventure came into the lives of these quiet, farming people in this long journey by land and water. At that time there was yet a chance to select excellent land and the father bought 140 acres in Twinsburg and later his children bought 200 acres of the old Stoyer's tract. Both parents of Mr. Hill died on their farm, advanced in years.

Joseph Hill learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade in his youth and worked at it in Solon, while tilling a farm of 65 1-2 acres, which he had purchased. This land he sold in 1865 and came to Portage Township, where he bought 200 acres, to which he later added fifty acres lying in Northampton Township. A part of his land has been sold to the old Valley Railroad which runs through his farm. When he first came to the place he cut timber and made up rafts and floated them on the canal to the stave-mill at Akron, but for many years he has devoted himself to general farming and to stock-raising. His first house stood far back on the farm, and it served the purpose of a pleasant home until he built the fine modern brick house in which he now lives. Mr. Hill's good judgment was shown when he purchased this land with its standing timber. He has sold over 15,000,000 feet of lumber off this place.

Mr. Hill was married, first, to Mehitable Drake, who died September 17, 1888. To this marriage twelve children were born, as follows: Lilly Louise who died at Solon, aged six years; Leander, who died at Solon, aged four years; a daughter, Lisa, born at Solon, who died in Portage Township, at the age of five years; Charles, who resides at home; Jesse, who was accidentally killed by a falling tree, at the age of thirty five years; Isa May, wife of Frank Morris of Akron; Joita Juba, residing with his family on his father's farm, assists in operating it; Schuyler, who resides with his family at Akron; Aquilla and George, both of whom live at home; Viva and Francis both died when about thirteen months old.

On March 1, 1889, Mr. Hill married for his second wife Mrs. Rosalie A. Spang, who was born on the old Drake farm in Boston Township, Summit County, but was reared in Hudson Township. She is a daughter of Augustine Warriner and Emily (Drake) Warriner, and the widow of Frederick Spang. Augustine Warriner, father of Mrs. Hill, was born at Chardon, Ohio, and was married to Emily Drake, January 22, 1846. They had four children but Mrs. Hill is the only survivor, and she was born March 6, 1855. She had three sisters, as follows: Delia A., born April 9, 1847, married William M. Russell and died in Missouri, August 29, 1904; Amelia Marana, born March 7, 1849, married Lester Squires and died January 18, 1876; and Cecelia Lizzie, born December 8, 1850, married Charles E. Turner, and died in April, 1876. Augustine Warriner died October 4, 1854, in Northampton Township. He was survived many years by his widow, who died May 19, 1890.

By her first marriage, Mrs. Hill had five children, namely: Hendricks Peter, who died in infancy; Emily Henrietta, who mar-

ried Joita Juba Hill, son of Joseph Hill; Melveda Christian, who died in infancy; Delia May, who married Myron G. Pettit; and Stella Augusta, who died aged ten years, eight months and 26 days. Mrs. Hill has six grandchildren.

To Joseph Hill's second marriage three children were born, as follows: Adilda, who married Percy J. Horn: Zorada Minerva; and Lettie Viola. Mr. Hill has three grandchildren named Morris and three with the name of Hill. This is a large, happy and intelligent family, one that is widely known and that occupies a prominent place in the pleasant social life in their neighborhood.

H. FREDERICK BOLANZ, general farmer, owning a fine, unincumbered property of 266 acres, in Northampton Township, is one of the representative men of his section. He was born in Baden, Germany, February 2, 1853, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Eng) Bolanz.

The parents of Mr. Bolanz died when he was small and he was reared by relatives who afforded him a common school education. When fourteen years of age he started to learn the florist business which he followed until 1879, when he came to America, his sole capital at that time being $200. He settled first at Wadsworth, Ohio, where a brother was living, and after working on a farm in that vicinity for eighteen months, he entered the employ of Mrs. Hamilton Alexander Cummings, of Akron, with whom he continued for five years. His salary was $25 a month, and in the period above mentioned he saved $1,200. This is pretty fair proof that he is a man of steadfast purpose and able to exercise self-denial. There are others who started out with just as good and even better prospects, who are still working for a small monthly salary, probably less than Mr. Bolanz pays his help.

In 1886, with the capital that he had earned by his hard work and saved by his prudence, Mr. Bolanz started into the florist business with his brother Julius, under the firm name of Bolanz Brothers. They established themselves at Akron, where they continued until 1899. They owned their own greenhouses and did a good business. In 1893, together the brothers bought the old White farm of 266 acres, and in 1899, H. Frederick Bolanz sold his interest in the florist business to his brother, and bought the latter's interest in the farm, which he has continued to cultivate and improve ever since. He devotes 100 acres to hay, wheat, corn, oats and potatoes, keeps fifteen head of cattle and sends his milk to Cleveland. He raises all the corn he uses for feed and all his own cattle and horses. His farm is well equipped with modern farm machinery and implements, and the land, buildings and rolling stock would bring a large amount of money if ever placed on the market. Mr. Bolanz gives his estimable wife a large amount of credit for his success.

Mr. Bolanz was married to Louisa Rueh, who was born in Baden, Germany, December 28, 1868, and is a daughter of Stephen and Sophia (Wohleb) Ruch, the former of whom was born in Germany, in December, 1822, and died April 6, 1892. He had three children, namely: Louisa; Sophia, residing at Baden; and Adolph, residing in Hessen, Germany. Mrs. Bolanz is a lady of education and prior to coming to America, she was a hospital nurse for six years. She is a consistent member of St. Bernard Catholic Church at Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolanz have four children: Frederick Alexander, Marie, Margaret and Henry Nicholas. They are all intelligent, bright young people, credits to their parents and to their community. In politics, Mr. Bolanz votes independently. He has never sought political office to any degree, but has served as road supervisor. He is a member of the order of Maccabees, at Peninsula, and of the Odd Fellows at Akron.

WILLIAM STEIGNER, whose fine farm of eighty-one acres is partly situated in the city limits of South Akron and partly in Coventry Township, was born July 1, 1856, on the present farm and in the old pioneer

log house which has recently been replaced by a modern residence. His parents were Jacob and Gotleben (Gans) Steigner.

Jacob Steigner was born in Germany and died in Coventry Township, Summit County Ohio, in 1867, aged seventy-two years. When he came to America he immediately made his way to Summit County and settled at Summit Lake, buying a part of the land from the Government. It was all woodland at that time and the present busy city of Akron, with its many interests, some of which encircle the world, was represented by just one log cabin standing in a little clearing. Jacob Steigner was a quiet, industrious, persevering and worthy man and lived on his farm on which he first settled until his death, at which time he was respected by all who knew him. He was married three times. His first wife died in Germany, leaving two children, Godfrey and Peter, both now deceased. With his second wife he came to America, where she soon died, having borne three children, namely: Elizabeth, who married Park Gear, both deceased; Mary, who married George Swenderman, deceased; and a babe, also deceased. His third marriage was to the estimable lady who still survives, being now in her eighty-seventh year. She was born in Germany and came to America when eighteen years of age, finding her first employment in a hotel in New York city, from which point she came to Summit County on account of the excellent wages offered. She worked in a hotel at Canal Fulton, where she met Jacob Steigner, whom she later married. There were four children born to this union, namely: Jacob, residing in Coventry Township; William, and two babes that died in infancy.

William Steigner has spent a happy and useful life on this fine old farm of fertile fields and rich pastures, where great crops are grown and herds of cows are fed, for he is a large farmer and dairyman. Here he has reared his estimable family and kept open his hospitable door to his many friends. He had but few chances to obtain an education, the most of his time through boyhood being spent at work in the woods. From childhood he attended the German Reformed Church, and he remembers how he often went *barefooted,* with his companions, and sat on the hard benches through many a long sermon, and this was a large part of his educational training. On attaining his majority he obtained a part of his farm from his father, and shortly after his marriage he began to carry on dairying to a large degree, and establish a wagon route to Akron, which he continued for four years. He now sells by wholesale and keeps about twenty-seven head of cattle for dairying purposes. His beautiful new residence is built on an eminence overlooking Summit Lake.

On May 20, 1877, Mr. Steigner was married to Catherine Craft, who is a daughter of Samuel and Catherine Craft, and they have had the following children: Samuel; Maggie, who married Charles Koser, has one child, Hazel; George; Ella; Catherine; and Bertha, who died aged four years.

Politically, Mr. Steigner is a Democrat but has declined to fill any office except that of school director, in which position he has given faithful attention to the needs of his school district for several years. With his family he belongs to the German Reformed Church, on Broadway, Akron.

HARRY NELSON SHERBONDY, general farmer and well-known citizen of Northampton Township, resides on his valuable farm of seventy-two acres. He was born at Akron, Ohio, March 11, 1858, and is a son of Hiram and Louisa (Sherbondy) Sherbondy.

The father of Harry N. Sherbondy was born on a farm on Sherbondy Hill, Summit County, Ohio, and died in his native county, on his own farm, December 7, 1897. Shortly after his marriage he settled on a farm of twenty acres, in Copley Township, which he devoted to truck gardening, and found a ready sale for all his products at Akron. For some years he was a trustee of Portage Township. He was a son of Peter Sherbondy, who

was the first settler on Sherbondy Hill. Peter Sherbondy was born in Germany and after coming to the United States, lived for a time in Pennsylvania, and then took up a large body of land in Portage Township, where he built his log cabin. He was a man of considerable importance in his day and left many worthy descendants. He died in 1870, aged sixty years. He was a Democrat, but his son Hiram was identified with the Republican party. Hiram Sherbondy married Louisa Sherbondy, who died in 1892, aged fifty-six years. She was a distant relative, being the daughter of Uriah Sherbondy. Hiram Sherbondy and wife had but two sons: Harry Nelson and Milton Jay, the latter of whom resides at Akron.

Harry Nelson Sherbondy obtained his education in the public schools of Akron, learned the carpenter trade and was employed as a wood-worker until 1905, in the meanwhile paying some attention also to farming. In 1906, he resigned his position as forman with the manufacturing concern with which he had long been connected. It was with regret that he separated himself from employers and co-workers, between whom and himself existed the most cordial feelings. He had commenced to realize, however, the great possibilities of agriculture and made the decision to devote his future energies to that line. He purchased his present farm and has met with success. He grows corn and wheat to market, and hay, corn and oats for his own use. He feeds eleven head of cattle which he sells to local butchers, and carries milk from the farmers of this section to the Pure Milk Company of Akron. All his activities are in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Sherbondy was married to Mrs. Charles Thomas, of Cleveland. Her maiden name was Flora Bright. She has one son by her former marriage, Harry Edward Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Sherbondy have one son, Milton LeRoy.

Politically, Mr. Sherbondy is a Republican and on numerous occasions has been sent as a delegate to county conventions. He has served in the office of trustee of Portage Township. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Nemo Lodge, No. 746.

HARRY WILLIAMS, cashier of the National City Bank of Akron, has been identified with the banking business during almost all his mature life and has been a resident of Akron for the past twenty years. He was born at Brimfield, Portage County, Ohio, in 1869, and was reared and educated in his native place.

After completing his schooling Mr. Williams came to Akron and was employed as clerk in a confectionery store for eighteen months. He then became a clerk in the City National Bank, subsequently going to the Citizens' Saving Bank, where he continued until 1893, as assistant in charge of the branch at East Akron. He then returned to the City National Bank, in the capacity of bookkeeper, remaining until the expiration of its charter, in 1903. The company took out a new charter under the style of the National City Bank, and Mr. Williams has been cashier of the bank ever since its reorganization. He is highly thought of in banking circles, and through his habitual courtesy and pleasing personality, has won and retained a wide circle of friends, not only for himself, but also for the institution with which he has so long been associated.

In 1895, Mr. Williams was married to Nina Moulton, who is a daughter of J. B. Moulton, of Brimfield, Portage County, and they have two children—Mildred and Jeannette. Mr. Williams is a member of the Kirkwood club, the Portage Country club and the Akron Gun club.

LEONARD ELI GAYLORD, proprietor of *Clear Spring Farm*, a fertile tract of forty acres of land which is situated in Stow Township, was born March 29, 1840, in Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Eli and Mary (Wolcott) Gaylord.

In 1809, Jonathan Gaylord, the grandfather of Leonard Eli, started from Middle-

town, Connecticut, and with ox-teams traveled through what was then mainly an unsettled country to Summit County, and settled on lots 15 and 16, in what is now Stow Township. He cleared up a place in the primeval forest on which to erect his cabin of logs, and he and his family became identified more or less with the subsequent development of this section. He was a ship carpenter and worked at this trade in Cleveland, making trips from there to Monroe Falls, on foot, and on one of these he met his death, his lifeless body being found in a strip of woodland through which he generally passed.

Eli Gaylord was born in 1816, at Monroe Falls, Summit County, Ohio, and was the youngest member of a large family of children born to Jonathan and Margaret Gaylord. Eli Gaylord followed farming and stock-raising and paid much attention to dairying, becoming in the course of years a man of ample means. He married Mary Wolcott, in 1838, and in 1888, with her, celebrated their *Golden Wedding* day. They had two sons and one daughter: Leonard Eli, Alfred and Clara, the latter of whom died at Daphne, Alabama, where Alfred resides. She was the wife of W. D. Randall. In his political views, Eli Gaylord is identified with the Republican party. Both he and wife were charter members of the Disciples Church at Stow Corners, in which he has been elder and deacon. Their home is in the northern part of Stow Township.

Leonard Eli Gaylord grew to manhood on the home farm, and in tilling the fields and raising the stock he was the equal of any young agriculturist of his neighborhood. To such as he the call to arms, when the Civil War was precipitated, came as a shock, but no readier response was given than by the loyal young men who hastened from their peaceful pursuits and donned the equipments of war. Mr. Gaylord was one of those who enlisted during the first year of the war. He joined Company D, Twenty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, October 10, 1861, and was mustered into the United States service from Summit County, at Camp Giddings, Jefferson, Ohio, October 27, 1861, his officers being Col. Lewis P. Buckley and Capt. Pulaski C. Hard. He had contracted for three years, but was honorably discharged at Wauhatchie, Tennessee, December 21, 1863, by reason of his re-enlistment as a veteran, and was mustered in the same company and regiment, as corporal, under Capt. Myron T. Wright and Col. William T. Fitch, to serve three more years if necessary.

The Twenty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Infantry, was organized at Camp Giddings, August 26, 1861, and was among the first to answer the call of the President for the three years service. The regiment was transported to Camp Chase, Columbus, where it remained until January 17, 1862, when it was ordered to Cumberland, Maryland, and it remained there until the fall of 1863. While there it was brigaded with the Fifth, Seventh and Sixty-sixth Ohio Regiments and the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment and placed under the command of Col. E. B. Tyler, of the Seventh Ohio. The Division was commanded by General Lander until his death, March 1, 1862, when he was succeeded by Gen. James Shields. The regiment was connected with and a part of the Army of the Potomac. It participated in the engagement at Winchester, Virginia, March 23, 1862, and at Point Republic, June 9, 1862. It was sent to New York to aid in enforcing the draft, in May, 1864, and it joined in the Atlanta campaign, at Bridgeport, Alabama, and under General Sherman participated in a number of battles. The Twenty-ninth Regiment left Atlanta November 15, 1864, and was with the force that marched through Georgia and reached within four miles of Savannah on December 10, 1864, remaining there until January 27, 1865, when it accompanied the rest of the army through South and North Carolina to Goldsboro, in the latter State. On April 10, 1865, the regiment went to Raleigh, leaving on April 29, 1865, for Washington City, arriving at Alexandria, Virginia, May 17, 1865, leaving eight

days later. It passed over the Potomac River to Washington and took part in the Grand Review. Its next camp was near Blandenburg, Maryland, where it remained until June 10, 1865, when it marched through Washington and took the cars for Parkersburg, Virginia, where it was met by transports and conveyed to Louisville, Kentucky, where it again went into camp for a few days and started then for Cleveland, and on its arrival at Camp Taylor, the men were paid off and honorably discharged. Thus came home the remnant of the gallant band which had so bravely born the heat of battle and many of whom bore marks of conflict.

The list of the battles in which the Twenty-ninth Regiment participated reads as follows: Winchester, Virginia, March 23, 1862; Point Republic, Virginia, June 9, 1862; Cedar Mountain, Virginia, Aug. 9, 1862; Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862; Chancellorsville, May 1 to 5, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1 to 3, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, November 24, 1863; Ringold Station, Georgia, November 27, 1863; Dug or Mill Creek Gap, Georgia, Mill Creek, May 7, 1864; New Hope Church, Georgia, May 25, 1864; Dallas, Georgia, May 29, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, June 9, 1864; Pine Knob, Georgia, June 19, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 20, 1864; Siege of Atlanta, Georgia, July 22 to September 2, 1864; March to the Sea, November 15 to December 10, 1864; Siege of Savannah, December 10 to 21, 1864; Averysboro, North Carolina, March 16, 1865. This list does not include minor engagements or innumerable skirmishes.

On June 15, 1864, the color-bearer of the regiment was shot and the colors fell to the ground. They were seized by Corporal Gaylord who bore them forward, and at dress parade it was announced that his duties thereafter would be those of color-bearer, and he proudly bore his company's banner through all the rest of the Atlanta campaign. Mr. Gaylord was too active a soldier to escape without some of the misfortunes of war. On August 9, 1862, at Cedar Mountain, he was captured by the Confederates, and was sent to Libby Prison, where he was confined for one long month, and then taken to Belle Isle, from which place he made his escape by adroitly slipping in with a body of 500 exchanged prisoners who were being removed from that fortress. When he was captured he weighed 150 pounds but was so reduced by starvation and exposure that he weighed but 100 pounds when he came away. He received a sun-stroke while on a forced march of one day and night to Gettysburg, and was picked up unconscious and was confined in a field hospital for a few days. On the march from Atlanta to the Sea, he was detailed as an orderly to a topographical engineer. This corps was disbanded at Savannah and he received orders to report to General Williams' headquarters as a non-commissioned officer to take charge of twenty orderlies and horses, remaining on this duty until finally discharged from the service. Mr. Gaylord was always to be found at his post, performing all the duties required of him, participating in all the engagements of his company, as above outlined, and won commendation from his superior officers and the admiration of his comrades for his brave and meritorious service. Mr. Gaylord was finally discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 19, 1865, by reason of the end of the war.

After returning to peaceful pursuits Mr. Gaylord followed the house-painter's trade until his marriage, which took place September, 19, 1867, to Julia C. Darrow, who is a daughter of Charles Darrow. Her brother, Norman Darrow, enlisted for service in the Civil War and died ten weeks later. Her maternal grandfather, Nathan Wilcox, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord have an adopted daughter, Bessie May, who is the wife of Dr. S. C. Lindsay, of the State Hospital, at Independence, Iowa.

Soon after his marriage, Mr. Gaylord purchased sixty-seven acres of farming land, but it has been reduced to forty by a new railroad taking twenty-seven acres. He has carried on general farming, paying much attention to

grain, and he has the reputation of having raised some of the best horses ever bred in Stow Township.

Mr. Gaylord is a member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 68, Grand Army of the Republic, in which organization he has held various offices. Mrs. Gaylord has been very active in the Woman's Relief Corps for the past fifteen years and has efficiently filled the offices of conductor and junior vice president. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord belong to the Disciples Church. Politically, he is a Republican.

WILLIAM ISAAC CHAMBERLAIN, one of Hudson's best-known men, who has attained prominence as educator, editor, lecturer and agriculturists, was born at Sharon Litchfield County, Connecticut, February 11, 1837, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Nutting) Chamberlain.

The parents of Mr. Chamberlain came from Connecticut to Ohio in May, 1838, and settled in Summit County, locating in Hudson Township on the present home farm of William I. Chamberlain. It was then known as the Dr. Metcalf farm and consisted of 147 acres. Jacob Chamberlain was also born at Sharon, Connecticut, and belonged to an old established colonial family, three brothers of the name having come from England a short time after the landing of the Mayflower.

William I. Chamberlain received his educational training in the Western Reserve College, in which his uncle, Rufus Nutting, had been, earlier, professor of Greek. He graduated with the degree of A. B., in 1859, and two years later received the degree of M. A. For three years he was engaged as instructor in Greek and Latin, at Shaw Academy, after which he became a member of the Western Reserve faculty, in the same branches, teaching, in all, about ten years. In 1863 he first turned his attention seriously to agriculture and purchased the old home farm adjoining the village of Hudson. In 1880 he was elected state secretary of agriculture and resided at Columbus during the six years he ably filled the office, and then accepted a call to become president of the Iowa Agricultural College, at Ames, Iowa. He served at the head of this institution for five years, leaving it in better condition in every way than he found it. After he returned to Hudson, he became associate editor of the *Ohio Farmer,* in which capacity he has since continued, retaining his home at Hudson and going daily to his office at Cleveland.

During all this period, Mr. Chamberlain has continued to follow the occupation of agriculture not, however, as his forefathers had done, but with every aid that modern science can lend. Mr. Chamberlain keeps his farm books in a careful manner, and at the end of a season can tell precisely the earning power of his land under his management, and decide where other methods may be best employed, or if no change should be made. For the past ten years the earnings have averaged fifteen per cent. on the value of the farm, and have gone as high as twenty-three per cent for a single year. In 1906, 8,000 bushels of apples were marketed from a ten-acre orchard. His present orchard covers twenty-three acres.

On July 16, 1863, Mr. Chamberlain was married to Lucy Marshall, who was born at Hartford, Connecticut, and who is a daughter of David and Orissa (Woods) Marshall. David Marshall was born at Lunenburg, Massachusetts. He came to Hudson and became the head of the publishing and binding firm of D. Marshall & Company, subsequently removing to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in the same line of business. His death took place at Sewickley, Pennsylvania. His wife was born at Brattleboro, Vermont. She was a sister of Mrs. Estey, wife of Jacob Esty, founder of the great organ and piano manufacturing firm. Mrs. Chamberlain's early education was at Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain's family included the following children: Jennie married Professor Hosford, residing at Crete, Nebraska; Herbert William, who died in Italy, in 1899, aged thirty-one years, was an honor graduate of the Boston Institute of Technology, an architect by profession, and

had been a foreman in the firm of Burnham & Root; Joseph Scudder, who is a chemist in the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, graduated from the college at Ames, Iowa, and entering Johns Hopkins University on honor fellowships, took the degree of Ph. D.; Clifton Marshall died in 1891, aged sixteen years; Carroll Cutler died in 1881, aged two years. Mr. Chamberlain and his family belong to the Congregational Church, in which he served as a trustee for many years. Politically, he is a Republican. He is a member of the Darrow Street Grange.

Although Hudson has been Mr. Chamberlain's home practically since he was one year old, his field of usefulness has by no means been confined to this locality. As a lecturer he has appeared in nearly every state in the Union, and in Canada as well. His most notable achievement, perhaps, has been the establishing of the Ohio Farmers' Institutes in the various counties, organizations which have had a great influence in bringing into use scientific methods of farming, thereby increasing production and adding to agricultural wealth. Through his efforts 250 institutes have been organized in Ohio and every state in the union has taken up the work. His only work in book form is on Tile Drainage, which is published by the A. I. Root Company, Medina, Ohio, and has had a wide sale.

CAPTAIN D. F. BERGER, one of Akron's leading citizens for many years, now living retired, was born at East Akron, Summit County, Ohio, in 1835, but when he was two years old, his parents moved to Uniontown, Stark County, and two years later to Greensburg, Summit County.

Captain Berger was reared to manhood in the latter place and was educated in the Marlborough Union school. For several years prior to entering the army for service in the Civil War he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Greensburg, to which place he returned at the close of his period of enlistment. He was made captain of Company H, 164th Regiment, Ohio National Guards, when he enlisted May 7, 1864, and was discharged in the following August. His company was stationed at Arlington Heights during this interim. After the battle of Chickamauga he visited that city in order to assist in nursing a cousin. Captain Berger continued his mercantile interests at Greensburg until 1884, when he came to Akron, and for about four years was agent for the Westinghouse people, selling their engines and threshers, since when he has lived retired.

In 1858 Captain Berger was married to Arnestena C. Hinkle, of Ashland County, Ohio, and they have six children, namely: Sheriden G., who is postmaster at Ontario, California; Arthur F., who is with the Faultless Rubber Company, of Ashland Ohio; Homer E., who, for sixteen years was in the office of the county treasurer, serving four years as treasurer of Summit County, and who is now enjoying a trip to Cuba, and is one of the most popular citizens of Akron; Lottie C., who married C. J. Hazen, residing at Akron; Arline E., residing at home; and John H., who is president and manager of the People's Ice Company, of Akron.

Captain Berger has always been a prominent factor in politics in Summit County, where he is well and most favorably known. He belongs to Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and his fraternal connections include the Masons and Odd Fellows.

JOHN H. BERGER, president and manager of the People's Ice Company, at Akron, an industry of considerable importance in this city, was born in 1876, at Greensburg, Ohio, and is a son of Captain D. F. and Arnestena C. (Hinkle) Berger.

When Mr. Berger was about eight years of age his parents came to Akron, and, after completing his attendance at school, he became a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Later he worked for a short time at the plumbing trade, and for three years was employed in the shipping department of the Warner Company. During the period that his brother, Homer Berger,

was treasurer of Summit County, which covered four years, John H. was employed in his office. Mr. Berger visited California and while there engaged in a fruit business, and when he returned to Akron he became manager of the Renner Ice Company. He continued with that firm for seven years. When the People's Ice Company was organized, an enterprise that is incorporated with a capital stock of $25,000, he took charge of the collection department, and April 27, 1907, he bought the business. His previous experience in this line he found useful and his natural energy and enterprise assures the continued prosperity of this company dealing in what is a necessity of modern life. Mr. Berger was married July 12, 1901, to Etta M. Parrish, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and they have two children, Ruth and Edith. He is an active citizen in all that pertains to the general welfare and has a wide acquaintance, and, like other members of his prominent family, many friends.

WILLIAM P. IRISH, a well-known citizen and successful agriculturist of Norton Township, residing on his farm of ninety-eight acres, which is situated on the old stage road, the first one in use in this section, has spent a number of years in other parts of the country, but has never given up his residence in Summit County. Mr. Irish was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, one-half mile north of Norton Center, May 6, 1835, and is a son of Abel and Sallie (McNeil) Irish.

Abel Irish, who served through the War of 1812, was born at Danby, Rutland County, Vermont, where his people were farmers. He was left an orphan in boyhood and was reared by an older brother. In 1816 he left Vermont and came to Ohio, locating on a farm in Norton Township, which was then a part of Portage County. In the previous year he had married, and he and wife brought with them their infant daughter, Betsey, who died when aged sixteen years. Abel Irish bought the farm which is now known as the Reuben Hartzell farm and lived here and improved it for sixteen years. Hard times then being on, he found it impossible to pay off the mortgages on his land and accordingly lost all the work of the many years that he had lived on it. Subsequently he bought the farm on which his son, William P., was born, this farm being now known as the Cyrus Miller farm; and when the child was about six months old he bought the Thomas Holmes farm, on which he settled in November, 1835. This is the farm on which William P. Irish resides and this land has never since been out of the family, William P. purchasing it in the spring of 1868. His parents then moved to Ingham County, Michigan, where Abel Irish died in 1873, in his eightieth year, being survived but one year by his widow. They were estimable people, kind neighbors and hospitable friends.

Mrs. Irish was a daughter of Thomas McNeil, who served in the Revolutionary War, and Mr. W. P. McNeil still has in his possession the old tin box carried through the war by his grandfather for the safe keeping of his papers. Mr. McNeil died in Norton Township, and is buried at Norton Center, Ohio.

William P. Irish was reared to be a farmer and from boyhood became practically acquainted with everything about a farm. He went to school in the neighborhood, and secured as fair an education as any of his companions. Much travel and mingling with the world have broadened Mr. Irish and made him a well-educated man, one well qualified for public office, though he has no aspirations in that direction, preferring to give all his attention to agriculture. Mr. Irish, his two brothers, and six nephews, served in the war of the Rebellion, Mr. Irish belonging to the Sixty-fourth Regiment, O. V. I.

In 1860 Mr. Irish was married to Sophia Shoemaker, who is a daughter of Daniel Shoemaker, and who was reared in Suffield Township, Portage County. They have eleven children, all of whom are still living

—a large happy family—as follows: Lura, Jennie, who married W. A. Burdick, lives in California; George W. is proprietor of the George W. Irish livery, at Barberton; Flora, who married Wendell Dunnell, resides in the historic old Pilgrim town of Kingston, Massachusetts; Charles Wesley resides in San Francisco; Delbert William is proprietor of the D. B. Irish Coal Company, of Barberton; Cora Belle who married Frank Waters, resides near Boston, Massachusetts; James Hamilton, resides at Barberton; Alice, who married Seaman D. Filson, of Cleveland, has one child, Karl Robert; Henry Marshall, resides at Barberton; Mildred May, married William Poirier, of Plymouth, Massachusetts; and Daisy Edna, who married Marshall Grenney, of Collingwood, a suburb of Cleveland.

Mr. Irish has in his possession a most valued souvenir in a cane carried by his father, during the time that Andrew Jackson ran for President in 1832, and this cane has been carried either by Mr. Irish or his father during every Presidential election from Jackson to Roosevelt. Besides this cane, Mr. Irish has in his possession a collection of canes, one of which was cut from the battlefield of Gettysburg. The cane that he has carried through all the Presidential elections was cut from the farm now owned by Mr. Irish and the handle was made from the horn of a deer killed on the same farm.

The year of 1887 Mr. Irish spent largely in travel, making a trip to Cuba, from New York, on a sailing vessel. Later he went to California, returned in August of the same year, and went back to California in September, making two trips to the *Golden* State in one year. Mr. Irish remained at his home until 1894 and then made a third trip to California. After remaining a year in the West, he returned once more to his home interests, but in 1896 again went back to California, where he remained seven years, spending ten years in all in that beautiful land. He resided in some of its most noted cities, including San Francisco, Los Angeles and Pasadena, and tried gold mining for a few months. During 1887 and 1888, he traveled a distance of 17,000 miles. But, after all home called him back, and since 1902, he has remained on his farm, remembering with pleasure the beauties and attractions of other parts, but acknowledging the solid advantages of Ohio.

RALPH HUGH LODGE. The completed life of a successful man, in any avenue of life's activity, cannot fail of being an interesting study, and it becomes one of real benefit when its results show the blending into a harmonious whole, of those marked characteristics and ennobling virtues which belonged to the late Ralph Hugh Lodge. To cherish beautiful ideals from boyhood, to bear them undimmed through youth and to carry them to their fullest fruition in manhood, was a notable achievement, and this alone would have perpetuated his memory, had not personal attributes been equally potent in winning the respect, admiration and the warm affection of all those whose life closely touched his. Did our philosophy permit us to believe that inanimate things were sentient, one might wonder if the soft breeze that stirs the placid bosom of Silker Lake did not oft times bear with it a sigh for the departed one, whose life work for thirty years was the perfecting of its beautiful surroundings.

Ralph Hugh Lodge was born August 3, 1830, at Monroe Falls, Summit County, Ohio, and was a son of George Horner and Rebecca (Smith) Lodge, and a descendent of an old Huguenot family that found refuge in England. When William Penn, in 1682, came to America with his band of colonists and religious enthusiasts, he was accompanied by a representative of this family, whose views undoubtedly were in accord with those of the great Quaker. From the founder of Pennsylvania he received a grant of land in New Jersey, a fertile tract lying along the Delaware River, about fifteen miles below the city of Philadelphia. This land remained in

the possesison of the family for more than 220 years, and on the patrimonial acres George Horner Lodge was born in 1801. He married Rebecca Smith in Philadelphia, and probably in the same year, 1829, started with his bride to what was then the far West, Ohio. The journey was made over the newly-completed Erie Canal, then considered a remarkable engineering feat, to Buffalo, thence by vessel to Cleveland, where they took the old packet boat on the Ohio Canal to Old Portage, or Akron. They settled on a small farm in Stow Township, Summit County, which George H. Lodge cultivated, although he was not a farmer in the general acceptance of the term, having learned the trade of mason. They resided on that farm for some seven years.

In 1836 came about the era of land speculation in this section of Ohio, and Edmund Monroe, a Boston capitalist and promoter, bought up large tracts in this vicinity and founded what is now the village of Monroe Falls. Here all the children of the Lodge family were born, Ralph being the eldest, the five others being: Emma; George H.; Mary; Cornelia, who married George J. Parks; and Mrs. Caroline Combes.

The father of Ralph Lodge in the meantime was kept busily employed at his trade and often required the assistance of his eldest son. He laid a part of the walls of the E. N. Sill stone house on Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, now one of the landmarks of the place, and in 1846, prior to removing to Cleveland, did the lathing, plastered the rooms and built the fireplaces and chimneys in the Thorndike House, known as the Gaylord home, opposite Silver Lake, which is now the residence of William R. Lodge, secretary and manager of the Silver Lake Park Company. The family settled in Cleveland in 1846 and during 1847-48 resided near the corner of Euclid Avenue and Doan Street. Removal was then made to the Leonard Case farm, then so far in the country that it was possible to operate a large dairy, and during the six years the family resided there, young Ralph was his father's helper and for one year of the time ran a milk route. At that time Cleveland was an overgrown town having but 12,000 inhabitants and much of the land round about had been but partially cleared. The building of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad right through the Case farm and the erection of railroad shops soon made that a busy section, now being known as St. Clair Street. With other young men, Ralph Lodge secured work in the new industry and for several years was employed as fireman on the construction train and at the round house. About 1855 the family home was again changed, removal being made to a 100-acre tract east of Willson Avenue, now Fifty-fifth Street, their home, in which they lived for seventeen years, being a site almost opposite the present Central High School.

Ralph H. Lodge was now called to take an active part in the extensive fruit growing and market gardening operations opened up, and, being the eldest son, gradually assumed the management which he continued until 1872. In the meantime he purchased a piece of property on Ontario Street, on which he established a grocery, this enterprise proving a very successful business venture. His life on the farm had but encouraged a natural inclination, a love of the soil, of all growing things and an appreciation of the bounteous beauties of Nature. In his boyhood he had cherished dreams of a time when he might make his home on the banks of the beautiful lake, not far from his birthplace. Hither his feet wandered whenever an hour of recreation came into his rather practical life, and here he knew every tree, plant and moss, and had not only made friends of the birds of the woods, but also of the shy wild creatures in the thickets. At that time the consummation of his dream seemed far away, but it came to pass.

On January 10, 1874, the beautiful, pellucid bit of water known as Silver Lake at present, but in pioneer days as Stow Lake, was purchased from Horace A. Miller, whose wife was a granddaughter of the original pro-

prietor of Stow Township. Mr. Lodge purchased thirty-five acres of the surrounding land, it being his idea to develop here a pleasure resort. This charming stretch of water has been likened to Lake Constance, at Como, but it is far more beautiful in its natural environment. Even when it came into the possession of Mr. Lodge, in 1874, in its natural state it was beautiful in the extreme, in all that makes wild Nature attractive. Taking up his residence on this ground, in April, 1876, Mr. Lodge made it his permanent home and lived here until his death, May 22, 1907.

After securing the prize which he had honestly coveted from boyhood, Mr. Lodge began immediately to fit it up for a pleasure resort, taking away none of the natural beauties, but adding conveniences and attractions that have brought thousands from all over the country to spend happy summers, and have sent them back to their rounds of fashion or pursuit of business refreshed and with a better appreciation of the grandeur, beauty and pleasure awaiting them in this quiet corner of Ohio. The lake and its surroundings were perfect as they were to Mr. Lodge, whose poetic love for Nature was so sincere, but he recognized the demands of modern life and determined that Silver Lake should have every added attraction that the expenditure of time, labor, thought and money could procure. An interesting event was the planting of 1,000 hard maple trees which had all come from the seed of one tree. He set them out along the west border of the natural timber, where they have flourished and stand in their beauty, after the hands that placed them have become quiet. To the development of this property along the lines mentioned, Mr. Lodge devoted the remainder of his life, making it take the place of travel, recreation, society, everything which he otherwise would have enjoyed.

Silver Lake Park, as it is today, is the most popular summer resort in this part of Ohio. It has grown each year in popularity, partly on account of its beauty of location and partly on account of the careful way in which it has always been managed by the Lodge family. It has its own electric lighting plant, water works system, sewerage system, bakery, laundry, police, farm, garden, hotel and justice of the peace. Excellent facilities are provided for all kinds of athletic sports. Among the numberless attractions is a minature steam railroad with its track winding around through the shrubbery and running along the lake shore. A herd of sixteen Shetland ponies are kept for the use of the children. A number of cottages have been built, many of the best people of Akron and elsewhere throughout the country making this spot a permanent summer home, transportation being of the best to many points. A sheet of about 100 acres of water offers delights to the yachtsman, and a number of steamers and boats ply back and forth. A visitor in speaking of the delightful summer spent in this truly beautiful spot, mentions the loveliness of Silver Lake when its night illuminations are seen, the reflecting water making a picture not equaled by any storied spot in any other land.

Visitors to Silver Lake soon became acquainted with the kind, unassuming man who proved a most interesting companion when his friendship was gained. He could recall so much from a long past that was instructive and entertaining that he never failed of auditors. His religious rearing had been after the precepts of the Society of Friends and in his nature and manner was much of their simplicity. He was a strong advocate of temperance and Silver Lake Park excludes every intoxicating feature.

On April 7, 1869, Ralph Hugh Lodge was married to Julia A. Plum, of Cuyahoga Falls, and nine of their ten children survive, namely: Dr. Edward Ballard, residing at Cleveland; Mrs. Duncan B. Wolcott, residing at Kent, Ohio; Mrs. William R. Irvin, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; and Lillian P., William R., George H., Louis B., Laura C. and Ralph H., residing at Silver Lake Park.

In summing up the life and character of

the late Ralph Hugh Lodge, we quote from the words of one who knew him well:

"To his family and friends he was kind, lovable and generous; he had a nature free from ostentation, led a simple life, and whatever publicity he attained, was a result, not a means. He was born almost within sight of the spot, where, after a long and busy life, he laid down to rest. He wished no man ill; he gave everyone his due in all fidelity; he lived his life true to his best light. He believed in the Golden Rule, in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

SAMUEL A. CLICK, residing on his well-improved farm of seventy-three acres, situated in Coventry Township, belongs to an old pioneer family of Ohio, which settled in Stark County during the Eighteenth Century. Mr. Click was born on the old family homestead in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, May 27, 1851, and is a son of Samuel and Julia Ann (Koons) Click.

Samuel Click, the grandfather of Samuel A., was the pioneer of the family in Ohio, bringing his wife and children, together with the household possessions, from Pennsylvania, making the long journey with an ox-team. This was a slow method of transportation, but haste was not such a great factor in living as it is today, and the oxen, through their great strength, were able to haul wagons through the rough and uncleared country as no other animals would have had power to do. The wife and children remained in Ohio for the rest of their days, but the father made seven walking trips back to the old place in an effort to collect money which he never was able to get. He settled in Jackson Township, Stark County, when his nearest neighbor was four miles distant. Six of his eight children were born in Pennsylvania, the other two in Stark County, his son Samuel being the third white child born in Jackson Township.

The name of Samuel has descended in the Click family through three generations. Samuel Click, father of Samuel A., grew up on the old home farm and assisted in its clearing. When quite a youth the deer were still so tame and numerous, that he frequently was given the task of chasing them from the cultivated parts of the farm. He was not able to attend school continuously, the distance being five miles, and farm work usually being pressing. Later in life he frequently recalled the day on which he, with other young men of the neighborhood, walked to Columbus to see what was then a wonderful spectacle, a railroad train pass through. Samuel Click continued to live on the farm in Jackson Township until his death, in September, 1893. He married Julia Ann Koons, who was born in 1816, and died in her eightieth year, after a happy married life of fifty-seven years. She was a native of Pennsylvania, and accompanied the family to New York, where they lived for six years in the vicinity of Niagara Falls, and then came to Ohio, traveling with an ox-team, Julia Ann having the privilege of walking the greater part of the way. Her father bought a farm in Summit County, which is now the site of Greensburg.

The children of Samuel and Julia Ann Click were: Adeline, who married Daniel Weaver; Sarah, who married Henry Goodenberg; Aaron, Daniel; Maria, deceased, who married William Strowsser; Clara, who is the widow of George McCoy; Samuel Allen; and Susan, who married A. J. Stoner. Samuel Click resided in Jackson Township in the early days before scarcely any advancement had been made, and on account of his being a man of strong character and good judgment, he was often consulted on public matters and his advice taken. He was successful in his business transactions, being a very careful man, and when he added thirty-five acres to the original homestead farm, he secured a *buck-skin* deed, which his son preserves. Both Samuel Click and his wife were consistent members of the Evangelical Church, and Samuel A. remembers when he was carried in the arms of his father, while his mother carried the next younger child on a walk of six miles, across

the fields, in order to attend church. Samuel Allen Click can recall many pleasant memories of his childhood and youth in the old home. He was reared strictly and had to work hard, but that was the case with the members of every household in the neighborhood which prosperity visited. He was still young when he could do a full day's work following after the *hussey,* which machine for cutting grain his father bought when he was nine years old, being the first farmer who was so enterprising in this section. He grew to manhood well instructed in everything concerning farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Click was married April 27, 1876, to Mary Hanline, who was born in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Roades) Hanline, who were among the pioneers of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Click have three children, namely: Edward who married Anna Zepp, residing near his father; Hannah, who married Edward Cormany, a school teacher, has one child, Achah, residing in this neighborhood; and Elmer, who married Frankie Kemary, deceased, lives with his father.

Mr. Click has always carried on general farming and for seventeen years was interested in threshing, but has retired from that line of business and has disposed of his machine. He remained on the old home property until November 30, 1890, when he purchased his present farm, then consisting of eighty acres, from the H. F. Flickenger heirs. He has generously given each of his children a nice home and has also sold some land, retaining just enough to keep him busy overseeing it. He is a Republican in his political preferences and has served the township as school director and as supervisor. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has watched the development of this section with a great deal of interest and can recall the days when his threshing machine did some of its best work right in what is now the heart of the busy town of Barberton.

P. T. McCOURT, general contractor at Akron, was born in Canada, in 1860, and is a son of John McCourt, who first visited Akron in 1850. John McCourt returned to Akron and established himself permanently here in 1865, and in this city P. T. McCourt has lived for the past forty-two years.

For five years P. T. McCourt worked for the Aultman-Miller Company. In 1883 he purchased his first team and engaged in teaming and contract work, and from 1890 to 1897 he worked for the rolling mill. It was during the latter year that he built his substantial three-story brick barn, 44 by 100 feet in dimensions, to which he has since added an ell, 44 by 130 feet. This was erected for the accommodation of horses and vehicles, Mr. McCourt by this time having a great transportation business. He is also interested in disposing of coal, and takes contracts for the building of streets and sewers, and for concrete work. He had the contract for building fifteen of the locks on the Ohio Canal. He is a director of the Summit County Fair Association. In all that he has been concerned since entering business life Mr. McCourt has followed his own instincts of business honor, and that his conceptions have been the true ones is proven by the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens.

Mr. McCourt was married (first) in June, 1890, to Rose M. Brady, who died in July, 1896, leaving two children, namely: Ethel R. and Walter P. He was married (second) to Anna Hefferman, and they have one child, Mary C.

Mr. McCourt is a consistent member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Akron, and he is liberal in supporting its various charities. He belongs to the Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

JAMES BRADLEY, for many years a highly esteemed member of the farming community of Springfield Township, was born at Mogadore, Summit County, Ohio, June 8,

1827. He was a son of John Anson and Betsey (Adams) Bradley. His paternal grandfather was Ariel Bradley, who, in 1801, came from Salisbury, Connecticut, to Mahoning County, Ohio, and to Suffield in 1806, settling on lot 12, Springfield Township, in March, 1807, and being the first white settler in Springfield Township. The land hereabouts at that period was all included in Trumbull County, but was subsequently apportioned to Portage County, and still later to Summit County, of which Ariel Bradley and his wife thus became residents. When he was seventy-eight years old Ariel went to visit his son, Bird, in Wood County, and while there was seized with his last illness. His remains are interred in the old cemetery at Waterville. He and his wife were the parents of eight children: James, John Anson, Harlow, Bird, Heman, Marilla, Amelia and Edgar. The last mentioned died in boyhood. Marilla became the wife of Lee Moore, and Amelia married Perrin Depew. The Bradleys cleared the land on which their descendant, the subject of this sketch, now resides, and they owned all of it lying south of the east and west roads, that is now covered by the town of Mogadore. They it was who planted the outposts of civilization in this locality. John Anson Bradley, son of Ariel, was born at Salisbury, Connecticut, in 1796, and accompanied his parents to Ohio. He did his full share in taming the wilderness, and on arriving at a suitable age, married Betsey Adams, who lived a mile and a half south of the present site of Mogadore. She came from New Hampshire with her father, who settled in Suffield Township in 1809. There were two children born to John Anson Bradley and his wife—James and Charlotta. The latter became the wife of George C. Winship, and they moved to Iowa, where both died, leaving a daughter, Minnie, who subsequently married a Mr. Abbey.

James Bradley was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and was taught to be honest and industrious. On attaining years of discretion he married Cecelia Andrews, a daughter of A. C. and Almira (Kent) Andrews. Her parents were natives of Connecticut, whence they moved to Portage County, Ohio. The Kents were also of New England stock, and descendants in the fourth generation of Martin Kent, who married Abigail Hale, and emigrated to the Western Reserve, purchasing a farm in Suffield Township of the Connecticut Land Company. On this farm he resided for the rest of his life. The children of A. C. and Almira (Kent) Andrews were: Cecelia, who married James Bradley; Quincy, who died unmarried in Minnesota; Emma, who married Dr. William Thompson, and Licasta, who died at the age of five years.

James Bradley, by his first wife, Cecelia, had nine children, as follows: Cora, Minnie, Flora, Emma, Florence, Nellie, George, Herbert, Charles K. and Louise H. The six first mentioned are all deceased, while the last three still survive. Charles is unmarried, and is engaged in general farming in Rolette County, North Dakota. Louise became the wife of Frank Parker and resides with her girls in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her husband is deceased. She had two children—Myrza and Gladys. Mrs. Cecelia Bradley died in 1875 when in her forty-fourth year, and James Bradley married, second, Mrs. Elizabeth (Spencer) Bradley. Of this marriage there were two children, one of whom died in infancy, and the other, Bessie, when a charming girl of fourteen years.

George Herbert Bradley, son of James Bradley, by his first wife, Cecelia, was born on the home farm in Springfield Township, January 20, 1855. He was trained to farm work and acquired his education in the district schools and at Buchtel College, where he spent two years. The farm on which he now resides contains fifty acres of the original tract settled by his great-grandfather, Ariel Bradley, twenty acres having been subsequently added. Since leaving the college in 1877, he has given his main attention to the operating of the home farm. Mr. Bradley is unmarried. Like his father, he is a Republican in politics. He has served as a justice of the peace, and has taken a more or less

active interest in politics since attaining his majority. On several occasions he has been sent as a delegate to important conventions. The family he represents is one of high standing in Summit County.

J. EDWARD GOOD, president of the Hardware Supply Company, of Akron, is a native of this city in which his business success has been achieved. He was born in 1861 and was graduated from the Akron High School in 1879, following which he entered Kenyon College, where he was graduated with credit in 1884.

After this thorough preparation for business life, Mr. Good entered the wholesale hardware house of McIntosh, Good & Company, of Cleveland, where he remained until 1889. He then returned to Akron, with the interests of which city he has been closely and successfully associated ever since. He assisted in the organization of the Paige Brothers Company, which did business from 1889 until 1891, when the firm name was changed to the Standard Hardware Company, which continued until 1905, when the Hardware Supply Company was incorporated, with a capital stock of $150,000. The officers of this concern are: J. Edward Good, president; Crannell Morgan, vice-president; William W. Wohlwend, secretary; and E. S. Bunnell, treasurer. This company occupies commodious quarters at No. 50-52 South Main Street, where they have some 50,000 square feet of floor space. They carry a very heavy stock and deal both by retail and wholesale. In addition to this important business enterprise, Mr. Good is interested as a stockholder in a number of others. In all of these his business ability and integrity are never questioned. In 1889 Mr. Good was married to Laura D. Zimmerman, of Pittsburg. He is a Knight Templar Mason and "Shriner," and retains his membership in his college fraternities.

GEORGE ADAM SHOOK, whose excellent farm of eighty-seven acres is situated in Coventry Township, about six miles south of the center of Akron, is one of the representative agriculturists of this section. Mr. Shook was born June 19, 1837, on his father's farm in Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of David and Catherine (Hanse) Shook.

The Shook ancestors came to Pennsylvania, from Germany, in the day of the great-grandfather of George Adam, and settled in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. There the family prospered and became one of prominence. The grandfather, David Shook, was born in Pennsylvania, where he married and later, with his family, moved to Niagara County, New York, settling on a farm near Lockport. That he meditated coming to Ohio was shown by the interest he took in this section, visiting it on horseback when it was but a wilderness all through Summit County. However, he never settled here, and his last days were passed in Niagara County, New York.

David Shook the second, the father of George Adam, was born in Pennsylvania and was one of the younger members of a family of fourteen children. He was a boy when his parents moved to Niagara County, New York, and remained there until his older brother, Philip Shook, moved to Portage County, Ohio. Shortly afterward, David went on a visit, but was so well pleased that he remained with Philip, assisting him in clearing up his wild farm, until his own marriage, after which he acquired a small farm in Stark County. He lived there through the death of his first wife and after his second marriage, but in 1852 he removed to a farm in Michigan, where he died, aged sixty-two years.

In Stark County, Ohio, David Shook was married to Catherine Hanse, who was born near New Berlin, Ohio, and died in August, 1838, aged twenty-three years, leaving but one child, George Adam. The father married (second) a Miss Holben, also of Stark County, who survived him, and they had the following children: Jonathan, David, Catherine, John, Elias, William and Reuben.

George Adam Shook was left motherless when he was fourteen months old, and he was

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taken to the home of an aunt, Mrs. Mary Rauch, who reared him in Mahoning County, Ohio, until he was fourteen years of age, permitting him to attend the district school while supporting himself by work on her farm. However, Mr. Shook did not feel independent until he had earned fifty dollars by himself and paid this sum to the Rauch family, this being sufficient to cover all the expense he had ever caused them. He had now started out for himself and as his work was farm labor he lived at various homes in the neighborhood, remaining with the Sluss family for three years. Not being satisfied with the education he had been able to obtain in the district schools, he arranged to attend the Randolph select school, later took a course in Greensburg Seminary, in Summit County, and still later, enjoyed one term at Mt. Union College. During the time he was thus acquiring a really superior education, he was industrious and reliable and always found good homes where he worked on the farm during the summers. When he was about eighteen years of age he began to teach school and taught through fifteen winters, mostly in Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties, in 1864 teaching one term at the reservoir in Coventry Township, and occasionally teaching summer terms.

Mr. Shook continued to teach until 1877, having also carried on farming during the larger part of the time. He had secured an interest in a farm near Uniontown, in Lake Township, Stark County, and later purchased the whole farm and lived there for six years. After retiring from the educational field, Mr. Shook bought a grist-mill at Uniontown, which he operated for three years, and then sold it to David and Samuel Ritter, after which he rented a farm for a few years. In 1881 he bought his present property from Jacob Sellers and moved on this place in the spring of 1882. It was well improved property when he purchased it and he has kept up its condition. Later he bought a tract of timber land, in Green Township, which he still owns in partnership with his son-in-law, William H. Wagoner. For twelve years after settling on this place Mr. Shook was engaged in the threshing business and also successfully ran a sawmill for a time with Mr. Waggoner. He carries on general farming, making his land pay for all the attention he gives it, and keeps good stock and uses improved machinery.

On March 17, 1861, Mr. Shook was married to Elizabeth Mutchler, who was born in Stark County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Godfrey and Judith (Meiers) Mutchler. Her parents came from Germany and were married in Stark County, Ohio, this being the second marriage of her father. There were five children born to this union, namely: Eva, Elizabeth, Mary, Magdalena and Rosina, who is deceased. Mr. Mutchler had married first in Germany, Christina Gasz, who left three children: Dorothy, Christina and Barbera. Both parents of Mrs. Shook died at New Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Shook had the following children: Clara E., who married William Waggoner; Henry E., who married Emma Heimbaugh; Erwin J., who married Amelia Dietz; and Anna, who married Edward C. Eippert. Mr. Shook and family belong to the Lutheran Church. His children are all well educated and all four have been teachers. In politics Mr. Shook is a Republican and he has served both as township trustee and as assessor.

JOHN BREITENSTINE, one of Norton Township's most substantial citizens, who owns 378 acres of land in this and Franklin Township, a part of which is particularly valuable because of coal beds, has been a resident of Summit County since he was eight years of age. He was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, January 14, 1847, and is a son of Jacob and Lydia (Kellar) Breitenstine.

The parents of Mr. Breitenstine were reared in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, but were married in Wayne County, Ohio. Jacob Breitenstine was born in Germany and

was fifteen years old when he accompanied his father, John Jacob Breitenstine, to America and later to Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio. The family later all removed to Franklin Township, Summit County, where the grandparents died when over eighty years of age. Jacob Breitenstine assisted his father in paying for the farm of eighty acres in Franklin Township. He was a smart man in the sense of being educated and of good judgment, and for some years he practiced law. He lived to the age of eighty-four years. He married Lydia Kellar who lived to the age of eighty-three. They had eight children, six of whom reached maturity.

John Breitenstine is one of the township's self-made men. He was the eldest of the eight children of the family, and as soon as he was old enough, he took the management of the farm, as his father was engaged in his professional work. When twenty-one years of age, he went to work at the County Infirmary, but two years later he resumed farming and this has been his main occupation since. Mr. Breitenstine bought his present farm in 1888 and has erected all the substantial buildings here. It was formerly owned by Dr. Samuel Bargess. A valuable coal bank was opened on this farm in 1840, and it has been worked ever since with little sign of giving out.

On August 27, 1869, Mr. Breitenstine was married to Sarah Surfass, who was born and reared in Norton Township and who is a daughter of Cornelius Surfass. They have six children: Harvey, who is married, resides with his family in Norton Township; Harry, also married, is engaged in the threshing business in Norton Township; Milton follows the trade of plastering; Mattie married Logan Fletcher; Newton and Sadie reside at home with their parents. Mr. Breitenstine and family belong to the Reformed Church. Although he is one of the largest landowners and most independent men of this section, he has made his property all himself, using good judgment in his investments and being industrious and frugal. He is one of the township's best-known men.

A. J. STELZER, a leading general merchant at Akron, dealing in dry goods and fancy groceries, at Nos. 619-621 North Howard Street, has been a resident of Akron for the past twenty years, and is one of her best-known citizens. He was born in 1875 at Cleveland, Ohio.

When Mr. Stelzer was a child one year old his parents moved to Canton, Ohio, where he lived until the age of ten, when family sickness terminated his school days and practically threw him upon his own resources. He came to Akron and entered a grocery store owned by his uncle, J. A. Rulmer, with whom he worked for one year, later was with John Keoberle for eighteen months, going from there to James Diehm. He continued with the last-named business man for seven years and then became connected with the Inman Brothers in a general mercantile business, where he remained for six years. In April, 1903, Mr. Stelzer bought out C. Reusch, who was conducting a store at the present location, 619-21 North Howard Street, and since that time has carried on a large and very satisfactory business. He occupies two rooms, one 21 by 60 feet in dimensions and the other 15 by 22 feet, both of which are well stocked. He owns also a commodious wareroom in the rear. He is known as the leading North Hill merchant and his trade is so large that he requires the assistance of five employes.

On October 20, 1898, Mr. Stelzer was married to Edith Mason, who was born at East Akron, and they have two daughter: Mildred J. and Gretchen M. With his family he belongs to the North Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified with the order of Maccabees.

WILLIAM RALPH LODGE, secretary and manager of The Silver Lake Park Company, vice-president and a director of the Cuyahoga Falls Savings Bank, and interested in a number of other successful business enter-

prises, is one of the best-known men of Summit County. He was born at Cleveland, Ohio, June 6, 1874, and is a son of the late Ralph Hugh and Julia A. (Plum) Lodge.

There are few residents of Stow Township who do not recall with the kindest memories the late Ralph Hugh Lodge, the larger part of whose life was devoted to developing Silver Lake Park, a property he acquired during the childhood of his son, William Ralph. Nature had done much, in her own wild way, for this region, but to the Lodges must be attributed the remarkable changes which were brought about in a comparatively few years. While the natural beauties have been retained every device of modern invention has been added and the result is an ideal summer resort to which thousands of people come from every part of the country, gladly returning year after year.

William Ralph Lodge attended the commcommon and High schools of Cuyahoga Falls and then entered the preparatory department of Oberlin College, with the intention of completing the whole college course. In the meanwhile he became interested in his father's enterprise of developing Silver Lake Park, and after seven terms at Oberlin, decided to return home and give his father assistance, which, on account of the increasing responsibilities attending the huge enterprise, was greatly needed. Few men were better equipped for handling details as well as planning improvements than was the late Mr. Lodge, but the work went on so rapidly and in so many directions that even he was not able to properly attend to it. The young man then came to share his father's burdens. He had also the capacity, but his ideas of business were more modern than were those of his father, and for some time the systematized methods of the son surprised the older man. William Ralph Lodge practically reorganized the whole business, opened an office and installed a typewriter, purchasing the machine with his own money, which he had earned by selling ice to campers about the lake. He opened up books for the accounts formerly kept by his father laid away in his active brain, or on slips of paper in his pocket. At first these changes were innovations that the older Mr. Lodge scarcely approved of, but ere long he saw their value, and thence was brought about a perfect confidence which always existed thereafter. Since 1894, William Ralph Lodge has largely had control, although he continued to work under his father's direction for the following six years, but since 1900 he has had the active management on his shoulders. Until the death of his father, however, Mr. Lodge sought and valued his parent's advice and counsel. He had much to do with promoting the park, acquiring a number of tracts of land to accommodate the rapidly growing business. One of the most important undertakings was the negotiating and building of the railroad connection with the C. A. & V. C. Railroad, and bettering the terminals of the trolley lines connecting with the resort.

Silver Lake Park, with its buildings and other improvements, represents an investment of about $200,000. Every piece of work is done substantially, with a view to the future. The present beautiful pavilion could not be replaced for less than $50,000. The perfect sewerage system was put in under most difficult conditions, a part of it being laid under the lake and the Cuyahoga River, being thirteen feet below the surface. This engineering work had to be done during the winter season when the river was frozen, entailing a stupendous expenditure. With his other duties, Mr. Lodge has always had charge of the advertising by which people, societies, churches and other organizations learn of the comfort, pleasures and advantages offered by this unique resort, and a conception may be formed as to the amount of business to which it is necessary for Mr. Lodge to give personal attention, when it is stated that during the 100 days of the season, an average of 2,000 people are entertained daily. Regular employment is given 150 workers in different departments.

Mr. Lodge is also interested in other pros-

pering enterprises, leading the busy life of the modern man of capital and affairs. He is vice-president of the Cuyahoga Falls Savings Bank and one of its directing board; is vice-president and a director of the Success Dish-washing Machine Company, of Wooster, Ohio, of which he was one of the organizers, and is chairman of the Co-operative Creamery Company, at Stow Corners.

Mr. Lodge married Marie Antoinette Ellsworth, who is a daughter of Edward Ellsworth, of Stow Township. They have two sons, William Ellsworth and Edward Ellsworth. Mrs. Lodge is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Cuyahoga Falls.

In political sentiment Mr. Lodge is a Republican and has served as a delegate to county conventions. He gives generous assistance to his friends in various campaigns, but has no political ambition for himself.

CRANNELL MORGAN, vice-president of the Hardware Supply Company, at Akron, treasurer of the Wise Furnace Company, and interested financially in a number of other local business enterprises, was born at Somerville, New Jersey, in 1871, where he was reared and obtained his education.

Mr. Morgan was an employe of William Bingham & Company, in the hardware line, at Cleveland, for the first ten years of his business career, starting at the bottom of the ladder and learning all the details of the business. For two years he represented that firm on the road, and then came to Akron as manager of the Ohio Glass and Hardware Company for Cleveland parties. Later Mr. Morgan organized the Morgan and Bunnell wholesale and retail company in the same line, continuing business for eight years. In 1904 the Hardware Supply Company of Akron was organized, absorbing the Morgan and Bunnell Company and the Standard Hardware Company, and Mr. Morgan has been vice-president of this concern from the beginning. In 1895 Mr. Morgan was married to Bertha Weber, of Cleveland, and they have one son, Webb C. Mr. Morgan is a member of the Portage Country club, and the Auto club. His business and social connections are both numerous and he is personally a very popular citizen.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK K. REAM, one of the best-known citizens of Northampton Township, residing on his well-improved farm of forty acres, was born in Germany, February 2, 1826, and is a son of Christopher and Katherine (Stockel) Ream.

The parents of Captain Ream were natives of Germany and the mother died prior to the family exodus to America, in 1830. The father survived until 1869, being sixty-eight years old at the time of his death. Frederick K. Ream was the only child of the first marriage. The father's second marriage was to Mrs. Katherine Schrader, a widow with three children, and two more were born to this union. For some years after reaching the United States Christopher Ream engaged in farming in the vicinity of Cleveland, and then purchased a farm near Royalton, Ohio, which he operated during the rest of his life.

Frederick K. Ream attended school at Royalton, and remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, when he decided to go out into the world and take care of himself, and he remembers now with amusement, that all he caried with him was one extra shirt and a clean handkerchief. At that time he was a sturdy youth and had a pleasant, winning manner that brought him friends and he soon secured work with a farmer near Peninsula, with whom he lived two years, during which time he was very industrious, but received for his labor little except his board. He next secured a position as driver on the canal and was promised five dollars a month salary, which was satisfactory to him when the bargain was made, and he worked hard from June until November, drawing but three dollars of the twenty-five dollars coming to him and doubtless laying great plans concerning the expenditure of this sum. These all came to naught, however, as his employer

left the neighborhood without making any settlement.

Later he made a better bargain, by which he received twenty dollars a month, with board, and he continued here until 1852, when he purchased a canal boat of his own and thus acquired the title by which he has been known ever since. For many years Captain Ream did a good business on the canal and continued to operate his own vessel as long as he remained on the water. He is well remembered by other captains and a number of his old associates recall their seasons of work together. Captain Ream had the reputation of keeping the neatest and best conditioned vessel among them all. His quick eye enever failed to note the slightest scratch on the varnish and the merest disfigurement made by the moving of freight or from other causes, and it was a familiar sight when the skipper himself appeared with paint pot and brush, repairing all damages. When his boat went out of commisison at the close of the season, it was as clean and fresh as when it went in. Captain Ream continued to run his boat until 1865, when he bought a farm in Northampton Township, now known as the Herbruck farm, which he sold in 1875, and settled on the one on which he has resided ever since. For some years he has had it under rental. At one time he owned considerable property in Akron, but has sold seven of his houses, retaining but one. Prior to November 10, 1905, Captain Ream had enjoyed the usual health afforded to those of his years, but at that time he suffered from a partial paralysis which has greatly inconvenienced him and distressed his friends. His intellect, however, is clear, and a visit to Captain Ream is very enjoyable as his reminiscenses reach far back and his stories of life on the canal touch an important epoch in local history.

In 1852 Captain Ream was married to Katherine Stockel, who died June 30, 1904, leaving no issue.

WALTER A. FOLGER, treasurer of the B. F. Goodrich Company, at Akron, was born July 13, 1858, at Mantua, Portage County, Ohio.

Mr. Folger was educated in Portage County. Until June 26, 1882, he had railroad office experience, and afterward entered the Bank of Akron, at Akron, Ohio, as book keeper, later becoming assistant cashier, and still later, cashier of the Second National Bank of Akron. This position he resigned, January 1, 1894, in order to become treasurer of the B. F. Goodrich Company, and has held this office from that time until the present.

On October 15, 1883, Mr. Folger was married to Lola R. Russell, of Streetsborough, Portage County, Ohio, and they have three daughters, viz.: Florence, Elizabeth and Mary Joy.

Mr. Folger is a Thirty-second Degree Mason.

FRANK S. BALES, dairyman and farmer, owns eighty-four and one-half acres of land in Northampton Township, which is exceedingly valuable, as it lies within the corporation limits of Cuyahoga Falls. He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1871, and is a son of John and Jane (Miller) Bales.

The father of Mr. Bales followed the trade of stonemason at New Castle, Pennsylvania, but as he died when Frank S. was a child, the son has but few recollections of him. After death, Frank S. went to live with a maternal uncle, Sylvester Miller, who took the place of a father to him, and to whom he, in turn, is giving filial care in his old age. When thirteen years old Mr. Bales came to Northampton Township, where he worked for the substantial farmers of this section for some three years, then spent a year in the lumbering districts of Michigan, and after his return, in 1895, he rented the Allen farm for one year, and the Sperry farm for three years. In 1898 Mr. Bales purchased his present place, seventy acres of which he cul-

tivates, the remaining being in timber or used as pasturage. He keeps about twenty head of cattle and for seven years has conducted a milk route, selling about forty gallons daily in Cuyahoga Falls. He raises hay and wheat, but his main crop is corn. He has two circular silos, each ten feet deep and thirty feet high. Mr. Bales keeps all his buildings and surroundings in fine condition, and as he is a man of progressive ideas, he has supplied himself with all kinds of agricultural implements to facilitate his work. His substantial barn, 40 by 72 feet in dimensions, with 20-foot posts, he built in 1903.

Mr. Bales married Lillie Robinson, who is a daughter of Andrew Robinson, of Northampton Township, and they have three children: Addie, Howard and Leona.

Mr. Bales is a self-made man and takes just pride in the fact that his possessions have been acquired through his own industry and good management.

ERNEST C. BUETCH, a prominent citizen of Coventry Township, of which he served as treasurer for many years, resides on his well-improved farm of seventy-four acres. Mr. Buetch was born October 11, 1855, in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Richler) Buetch.

The father of Mr. Bueteh was born in Germany and grew up on his father's farm there. In 1853, when about twenty years of age, Jacob Buetch came to America, locating shortly afterward in Ohio, and in 1854 he came to the farm which his son Ernest C. now owns. The land was then covered with timber, but with the assistance of his sons, it was all cleared off. The comfortable residence in which Mr. Buetch lives was built by his father. Jacob Buetch was married in Coventry Township to Mrs. Mary Richler, who was the widow of John Richler, and their only child was Ernest C. By her first marriage, Mrs. Buetch had six children, namely: John, Jacob, August; Mary, who is the widow of Jacob Grethers; Barbara, who is the widow of John Zitterly; and Louisa, who married John Keppler. Two of the sons were killed in the army during the Civil War, while August died after coming home from the effects of yellow fever, contracted while he was in the service of his country. Jacob Buetch died on this farm August 19, 1895, having survived his wife since May 14, 1885. They both were most worthy people, kind, hospitable, frugal and industrious.

Ernest Buetch was mainly educated in the district schools of Coventry Township and had one winter's schooling at Akron. As he grew old enough he had to help his stepbrothers in the work of clearing up the farm, and on the death of his father this property came into his possession. Since 1878 Mr. Buetch has made a feature of threshing, and in partnership with his son, owns an outfit, and together they do a large amount of business in this line. For about eight years Mr. Buetch operated a sawmill in addition to carrying on a general agricultural business.

On May 14, 1881, Mr. Buetch was married to Sarah J. Renninger, who is a daughter of Solomon and Lavina (Keppler) Renninger, the latter of whom is deceased. They have two children: William F. and Emma Lavina. The former is associated with his father in the threshing business and resides at home. He married Berdella Verick.

In politics, Mr. Buetch is a Democrat and he has taken an active interest in party affairs in this neighborhood. As an evidence of the confidence which his fellow-citizens have in his ability and integrity, it may be stated that he held the important office of township trustee for a continuous period of ten years, with the exception of two months. He was a capable, efficient and honest official. He is an Odd Fellow and belongs to Nemo Lodge, No. 746, Akron.

CHARLES A. CALL, general farmer and respected citizen, who has lived on his present valuable farm of 185 acres, which is situated in Stow Township, since he was five years of age, was born at Darrowville, Sum-

mit County, Ohio, May 16, 1855. He is a son of Moses Danforth and Harriet Maria (Starr) Call.

The father of Mr. Call was born July 12, 1815, at Warner, New Hampshire, and died in Ohio, March 24, 1891. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools. In 1835 he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he made his living peddling bread until 1837, when he started on a journey to Peoria, Illinois, and stopped on the way to visit friends in Summit County. He was so pleased with what he saw that he decided to remain and make this section his home. For five winters he taught school and for fifteen years he worked at the cooper's trade, running a shop of his own for a number of years at Darrowville, where he employed four men. In 1859 he purchased the farm which his son now owns and moved his shop to his own land. Later, he undertook the manufacturing of cheese, which industry he carried on for almost twenty-five years, continuing until 1890, and was the principal owner and the manager of the Hudson cheese factory. He was an earnest Republican and a stanch supporter of the Union during the Civil War. He was a liberal supporter of educational and benevolent enterprises and was held in the highest esteem. For forty-six consecutive years he served as a justice of the peace in Stow Township, and from 1877 until 1883, he was one of the county commissioners of Summit County. He was in sympathy with the Grange movement and a member of that body. In his religious belief he was a Universalist.

On November 17, 1842, Moses Danforth Call was married to Harriet Maria Starr, who was a daughter of Josiah Starr, who settled in Stow Township in 1804. She died June 26, 1886, aged sixty-seven years, nine months and one day. She was the loving, devoted mother of four children, namely: Mary Lovina, deceased, who married G. H. O'Brien, of Stow; Emma Augusta, who married E. A. Season, of Hudson; Ellen Josephine, who married L. A. Darrow, of Stow; and Charles A.

Charles A. Call was five years of age when his parents came to the farm which he now owns and which he has kept intact, with the exception of five acres, taken off for railroad purposes. His education was secured in the district schools, and his main business in life has been farming and dealing in cattle. He devoted two years, 1892 and 1893, to the cheese business, but has no interest in that industry at present. He cultivates seventy acres of his land, raising hay, corn, oats and wheat, and at all times requires one man's assistance in the work. Mr. Call has two silos with dimensions of 11 1-3 feet in diameter and 29 feet in depth. Mr. Call is one of the agriculturists who recognize and take advantage of modern methods and improved machinery.

Mr. Call was married on November 5, 1879, to Olive A. Prior. She is a daughter of Samuel Prior, of Northampton Township. They have four children: Leland, who is a graduate of the Ohio State University, is an instructor in an agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas; Florence, who married George H. Lodge; and Howard M. and Fannie, residing at home. Mrs. Call belongs to the Disciples Church at Stow.

Mr. Call is a Republican. He belongs to the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry and to the Maccabees.

ANDREW A. SPIELMAN, farmer, stock-raiser and dairyman, residing on his productive farm of eighty acres, which is situated in Northampton Township, was born October 4, 1867, and is a son of Jacob and Theresa (Schneider) Spielman.

Both parents of Mr. Spielman were born in Germany, the father in 1810, and the mother in 1825. Jacob Spielman was married twice. His first wife died in Germany and left three children, namely: Mrs. Victoria Neff, formerly of Cincinnati; Joseph; and Mrs. Mary Pfaft, residing at Cuba, Kansas, the latter being the only survivor. Joseph Spielman then moved from his native province to

Bavaria, where he followed his trade of wagon-maker, until he emigrated to America, after which he became a farmer. He bought first a farm in Portage County, on which he lived some years, and then resided in various sections before he settled permanently in Northampton Township, where he bought the farm on which Andrew A., his son, was born and now resides. Jacob Spielman died on this farm in 1866, survived by his widow until September 8, 1905.

Jacob Spielman married (second) Theresa Schneider, who was born in Bavaria, and was a daughter of John Schneider. They had one child born in that province, Barbara, who is the wife of John Zimmerman, of Akron. After reaching America, seven more children were added to the family, as follows: John, residing in Northampton Township; Philip, residing at Cleveland; Katherine, who married Ernest Moody, residing in Kent; Amelia, who married Henry Murley, residing at Columbus; Eva, who is the widow of August Waggoner, residing in Kent; Elizabeth, who married Barton Hewbridge, residing at Akron; and Andrew A., residing in Northampton Township. The family was strictly reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Andrew A. Spielman has always resided on the home farm. He is one of the leading hay and wheat raisers of this section and feeds his stock his corn and oats, raising fine cattle and many hogs. His dairy products, especially his superior butter, finds a ready market at Akron. He understands how to make every portion of his land repay him for his labor, and this is successful farming.

Mr. Spielman has a very pleasant home circle. He married Lucy Leiser, who is a daughter of Peter Leiser, of Akron, and they have five children: Leo B., Gertrude A., Florence A., James and Jacob Albert. Mr. Spielman, with his family, belongs to St. Bernard Catholic Church. Like his father before him, he is identified with the Democratic party.

ALBERT FETTE, who fills the office of deputy revenue collector, has been a resident of Akron since 1899, but his place of birth was Bremen, Germany, in the year 1839, full twenty years before the birth of the present brilliant, masterful German emperor.

Mr. Fette learned the cigar-making trade in his native land and when he was twenty-one years of age he came to America in the hope of finding better opportunities for advancement. He remained for six months in the city of New York, and then located at Jamestown, New York, where he worked at his trade for eighteen months, going from there to Buffalo, where he remained until 1862. Early in that year he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company H, 116th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service until the close of the war, spending a part of the period in Virginia, and two years in the Red River campaign, then returning to the Shenandoah Valley. He was seriously wounded in the neck at Plain's Store, Louisiana, and was confined in the Lincoln Hospital, at Washington, D. C., when he was mustered out. When sufficiently recovered, he returned to Buffalo, where he remained until 1868, going then to Warren, Pennsylvania. In 1873 he settled at Philadelphia, removing to Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1877, and moving from there in 1880 to Erie, Pennsylvania. A year later he went to Denver, Colorado, and remained in that section for seventeen years. He was mainly engaged in the manufacture of cigars. For one year prior to 1889, when he came to Akron, Mr. Fette resided at Vancouver, British Columbia. For the past five years he has held the office of deputy revenue collector of the Eighteenth District of Ohio, with his headquarters at Akron.

In 1861 Mr. Fette was married to Minnie Ernestine Holtz, who died in 1899. Mr. Fette has been a very active Republican for many years. He belongs to Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

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HENRY CLARENCE VIELE

L. H. HORNER

LAFAYETTE H. HORNER, who is largely interested in Summit County real estate, has been a resident of Akron since November, 1890, and in the past seventeen years has done more real estate dealing than any other individual in this city. He was born in 1861 in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of the late Uriah R. Horner.

The father of Mr. Horner was one of Summit County's most respected citizens. He was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, and he became a successful farmer and stockman in Summit County, to which he came in 1856, where he died in 1893.

LaFayette H. Horner remained on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, in the meanwhile obtaining his education in the district schools of Northampton Township, afterward spending two years in a nursery business in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. In 1890 he came to Akron, and on a venture went into the real estate business in a small way, shortly afterward finding himself particularly well adapted for this field of work. Mr. Horner bought the Coburn allotment, making of this one of the greatest realty successes on record, distancing all competitors. In 1904 he built thirty-two new houses; in 1906, thirty-four, and in 1907, the current year, forty new residences have been erected, all the lots in this large body of land having been disposed of, except eighty-five. Mr. Horner deals only in his own real estate and he has investments all over the city and owns also county property, including a farm on which he breeds light harness horses from first-class stock. Mr. Horner is an excellent type of the modern business man, whose trained faculties respond to the demands made upon them without interfering with his health or preventing his enjoyment of a rational social life.

In 1897 Mr. Horner was married to Inez C. Hutchinson and they have three children: Gladys V., Fayette H. and Fern Inez. He is a member and liberal supporter of Calvary Evangelical Church. His only fraternal connection is with the Akron Lodge of Odd Fellows.

HENRY CLARENCE VIELE, retired, formerly was identified with the business and official life of both Akron and Summit County. Mr. Viele was born in Washington County, New York, October 29, 1841, and is a son of Hiram and Abby M. (McFarland) Viele.

In the spring of 1842, the parents of Mr. Viele settled in Akron, and he was educated in this city. When sixteen years old he began clerking in the old stone mill, of which his father was superintendent. He subsequently left that business in order to enter the army, enlisting in 1864, in Company F, 164th Regiment, O. V. I., which was stationed at Fort Corcoran, Arlington Heights, during the whole of his 100 days' term of service. Upon his return to Akron he entered the service of the Merchants' Union Express Company and a year later became ticket agent for the C. A. & C. Railroad. Subsequently he become interested with his father in a flour and feed business.

In 1868, Mr. Veile was engaged to assist the city and county in making up the duplicate tax lists, and later was connected with the county treasurer's office for some time. In February, 1872, he was appointed county recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the incumbent of that office, and he served out that term and then served as deputy county treasurer until 1878. Mr. Viele's management of that office elevated him in public esteem and in 1878 he was elected county treasurer of Summit County; being re-elected in 1880, he held the office for four years. The records of those years testify to Mr. Viele's efficiency as a public officer. He then became teller in the Citizens' Savings and Loan Association, serving until 1887; he was assistant treasurer until 1888, and from then until he retired from business activity, he was treasurer of the association.

On October 16, 1873, Mr. Viele was married to Elizabeth F. Mack, of Flatbush, Long

Island, and they have one daughter, Fanny M. Mrs. Viele died November 14, 1898. Mr. Viele resides at No. 550 East Market street Akron: As one of the older residents of this city, Mr. Viele has been connected with its development, and has always done his part as a man of broad views and public spirit. He belongs to Buckley Post, G. A. R., at Akron.

JOHN C. HERBRUCK, fruit and dairy farmer, residing in Northampton Township on his valuable farm of 139 acres, was born near Hartville, Stark County, Ohio, October 11, 1862, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Oberling) Herbruck.

Jacob Herbruck, the grandfather, was born in Steinhauser, Rheinfalz, Bavaria, Germany, and died in 1865, aged seventy-two years. In 1817 he married Maria Garman, who was a daughter of Christian Garman, and they had nine children, namely: Maria Elizabeth, Jacob, Henry, Katerina, Philip, Daniel, Elizabeth, Mary and Ludwig. Jacob Herbruck was a son of Herbruck Von Herbruck, of Holland origin. This prefix of *von*, it appeares, can be sold, carrying with it a title to office, and when the great-grandfather became somewhat impoverished, he disposed of the *von* and the name has since been plain Herbruck, and as such, in America, has carried with it enough distinction. It is borne worthily by the present generation. Grandfather Herbruck was a soldier under the great Napoleon, when he was preparing for the memorable invasion of Russia. In 1854 he came to America and settled in Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio. He and wife both belonged to the German Reformed Church.

Philip Herbruck, father of John C., is a retired resident of Akron. He was born in Rheinfalz, Germany, September 26, 1826, and attended school in his native neighborhood until it was time to learn a self-supporting trade. He chose that of fresco painting and worked at the same until 1848, when he was led into joining the Revolutionary party and was chosen captain of 150 men. These he drilled from one spring until the latter part of August, and when the Revolution was over he, with other leaders in the movement, left Germany. He came to America in 1849 and settled first at Canton, Ohio, removing later to New Berlin, where he worked as a wagonmaker until 1851, when he went to New Salem, and in the following year to Middlebury, then to Uniontown, and in 1853 to Hartville, Lake Township, Stark County, where he started into business for himself. After his marriage he conducted his wife's farm in addition to working in his shop. In 1867 he bought the farm in Northampton Township, which is occupied by his son, John C., which he operated until 1887, when he retired to Akron.

On January 4, 1852, Philip Herbruck was married to Mrs. Elizabeth (Oberling) Hassler, who was born June 17, 1823, in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Jacob Oberling, later of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio. She was three years old when her parents moved to Stark County, where her father subsequently became the owner of 400 acres of land. He was a son of Michael and Annie Oberling. He married Elizabeth Runk, also of Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, and he died in July, 1850, aged sixty-three years. Mrs. Herbruck's first marriage was to Daniel Hassler, October 22, 1844. Of the three children born to that union, but one was reared, namely, Daniel Hassler, now of Portage Township. There were eight children born to Philip Herbruck and wife, namely: Cecelia Elizabeth, who married Charles Schumaker, of Barberton; Caroline, who married Daniel Motz, of Northampton; Sarah, who married Theodore Trautman, of Cleveland; John C.; Mary, who married Christian Zimmer, of Akron; William, residing at Akron; and two deceased. Mrs. Herbruck is a member of the First German Reformed Church, which Mr. Herbruck also attends, and to which he gives support. Mr. Herbruck is notably a Christian man, although he is identified with no denomination. He is liberal-minded enough to see good in

every religion and a large part of his time is passed in visiting the ill and suffering, reading the Scriptures to those who will listen, and carrying cheer to many a sick bed. He is widely known and much beloved.

John C. Herbruck was two years old when his parents moved to the southern part of Northampton Township and settled on the farm on which he resides. He was educated in the common schools and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits from early youth, always making his home on the present farm. Of his 139 acres he has 100 under cultivation. For many years the farm was conducted almost entirely as a dairy farm and he keeps about twenty head of cattle. In 1901 he purchased an Akron milk route and markets his milk in that city very profitably, in fact, has a demand rather larger than he can supply. His milk is obtained from fine, pure-bred Holstein cows. Mr. Herbruck raises some 400 bushels of wheat annually in addition to hay, oats, corn and other products and he has had a silo constructed, thirty feet in depth, and sixteen feet in diameter.

There are so many interesting activities going on on Mr. Herbruck's farm that a visitor is pleasureably surprised as well as instructed. One of these is the raising of ginseng for medicinal purposes. His large garden devoted to producing this valuable root shows the plant in its various stages. One reason why it is not generally raised is that it requires a great deal of patient care before it can be harvested. One and one-half years are required for the tiny seeds to sprout, and there must be a growth of five years before the product is ready to market. Another successful industry carried on here is the raising of bees, Mr. Herbruck having about seventy-five hives, each one of which averages an annual product of fifty pounds of choice honey. It is Mr. Herbruck's desire to eventually convert his farm into a great fruit garden, and he is gradually working to that end. He has a fine orchard of Baldwin apple trees, some of which are already bearing, and is also setting out choice varieties, suitable to the climate of pear, peach, plum and cherry trees. The buildings and surroundings are all admirable and substantial. In 1879 the father of Mr. Herbruck put up the great barn with dimensions of 36 by 70 feet, supported by 18-foot posts. The comfortable and attractive home was built in 1872, and the grounds have been under a course of improvement ever since.

Mr. Herbruck married Huldah Bauer, who is a daughter of George Bauer, and was born at Sandusky, Ohio. George Bauer was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1810, and died in January, 1892. He came to America and settled at Sandusky, Ohio, where he established himself in the business of wagon-making, taking in as partners his sons, August, Theophilus and Reinbold, who later succeeded to the business, and still carry it on under the firm name of Bauer Bros. The father then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and on his place utilized ten acres in a vineyard. He was married three times. The children of his first marriage were August and Mary. The second wife died without issue. He married (third) Caroline Stradtman, who was born in Minden, Prussia, and to this union there were born four children: Theophilus, Huldah, Reinhold, and a babe that died.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbruck have six children, five sons and one daughter, namely: George P., Clara Elizabeth, Arthur, Edward, John and Harry. All have been given educational advantages and the daughter's musical talent has been developed.

The family belong to Grace Reformed Church at Akron.

JOHN BEESE, proprietor of a meat market at No. 1138 South Main Street, Akron, is one of the substantial men and enterprising citizens of this place. Mr. Beese was born at Thomastown, Summit County, Ohio, in 1869, and is a son of John Beese. The father of Mr. Beese, who died at Akron in 1893, was a well known and highly regarded citizen. He was born in Wales and came to Summit

County in 1853. For many years he was engaged in a coal business, operating a mine at Thomastown and later the Summit Coal Company's mine near the Reservoir.

John Beese, second, was reared and educated in his native neighborhood and, after leaving school, was a clerk in a shoe store for six years. In 1896 he opened his present market and has given it his main attention ever since, conducting a first-class establishment and supplying a fine line of customers. His quarters are sanitary and his stock includes everything in his line. Mr. Beese is one of the directors in the South Akron Banking Company. In 1899 Mr. Beese was married to Mary E. Bernell, who is a daughter of the late Edward Bernell, and they have two bright, intelligent boys, John Frederick and George William. Mr. Beese is an Odd Fellow.

JACOB HIMELRIGHT, a leading agriculturist of Portage Township, residing on his farm of 142 acres, which is situated on the Copley road, about two miles west of Akron, was born in Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 26, 1839. His parents were John and Catherine (Hinkey) Himelright.

The grandparents of Jacob Himelright were natives of Pennsylvania, who settled at East Liberty, Green Township, Summit County, when they came to Ohio, and there John Himelright was born. He followed farming all his active life.

Jacob Himelright grew up on his father's farm and obtained his education in the district schools. When twenty-six years of age, he married Lavina Baughman, and they had seven children born to them as follows: Milton, who resides in Medina County, Ohio; Alton; Irvin; Joseph; Clara, who married Frederick Brunskill, is deceased; Elsie, who married William Carpenter; and Orlie, who died in boyhood. The first wife of Mr. Himelright died March 19, 1893, and he was married (second) to Mrs. Elizabeth (Foust) Squires, who was born and reared in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a daughter of George Foust, and was the widow of Martin Squires. She had seven children by her first marriage, namely: Martha, who married John Kendall; George; Cora, who married Eugene Parker; Amanda, who married Bert Taylor; Della, who married Ellis Adair; Albert; and Franklin, who died aged eight months.

In 1874 Jacob Himelright purchased a farm of eighty-five acres, in Copley Township, on which he resided for a time and then sold it and bought one of 182 acres, which was located one mile east of his present farm. When Mr. Himelright took possesison of his farm of 142 acres, in 1902, his son Joseph settled on the other farm. He owns another farm north of Akron, consisting of eighty-five acres. Mr. Himelright has shown good judgment in making his investments and owns some of the best land in Portage Township. He carries on general farming and stockraising. He is one of the leading members of the Copley Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee.

Alton Himelright, the second son of Jacob Himelright, resides on a fine farm of eighty-five acres in Portage Township, which is owned by his father, but which has been under his care since 1889. He was born at East Liberty, Green Township, Summit County, January 1, 1865. When he was seven years old his parents moved from Green Township to Copley Township, where his father bought a farm, north of Copley Center, on which the family lived for three years. He then purchased another farm on which they lived for twenty-six years. In 1902 Mr. Himelright's father settled on his present farm in Portage Township, but Alton continued to live in Copley until 1889, when he was married to Elizabeth Scheck, who is a daughter of Jacob Scheck, an early settler of Portage Township. Following marriage, Alton Himelright and wife settled on the farm where he has since engaged in a general line of agriculture. He has made many improvements on the place which have greatly added to its value. He has

four children: Raymond, Mamie, Elsie and Floyd.

Irvin J. Himelright, the third son of Jacob Himelright, was born at East Liberty, Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 20, 1867. He resides on a part of his father's home farm and operates the whole of the 142 acres. He has made a reputation as a good farmer by the intelligent agricultural methods he has followed, resulting in abundant crops.

May 4, 1897, Mr. Himelright was married to Ida Scheck, who is a daughter of Jacob Scheck. The Scheck family is a prominent one in Portage Township. Mr. and Mrs. Himelright have four children: Ruth, Mabel, Jacob and Elno. The Himelright family has never taken any very active interest in politics, but when matters of public importance come up they are usually consulted and are always found to be willing to do their full share. They are estimable, first-class citizens, industrious, careful and frugal and devoted to their homes and families.

STEPHEN HENRY HORN, market gardener, residing at No. 330 Merriman Street, just inside the limits of Akron, is the owner and operator of a fine truck farm of nine and one-quarter acres, on Merriman road, just outside the city limits. Mr. Horn was born on West Market Street, Akron, September 10, 1856, and is a son of Stephen Jackson and Elizabeth Ruth (Robinson) Horn.

Stephen Jackson Horn, who was a native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, came to Portage Township where he resided while he engaged in a grocery business in Akron, and later followed the carpenter's trade. He devoted his spare time to gardening on his own land, where he died August 25, 1895. In his younger days Mr. Horn had been a school teacher, and among his pupils was Elizabeth Ruth Robinson, who was a daughter of Tyler Robinson, and to this young lady Mr. Horn was later married. They had eight children, seven of whom, with Mrs. Horn, survive.

Stephen Henry Horn was reared and educated in Portage Township, where he has always resided, with the exception of two years, during which he traveled for an installment company. In 1877, in association with his brother, James William Horn, he engaged in the trucking business, one which had been founded by their father, but in 1904 the partnership was dissolved, and since that time Mr. Horn has continued in this business alone. He finds a ready wholesale market at Akron. Mr. Horn has never married.

EUGENE A. HAWKINS, treasurer of the Summit Rural Telephone Company, is one of the leading men of Copley Township, a large owner of farming land and proprietor of a business at Copley Center, where he handles coal, farming implements, wagons, cement and particularly fertilizers, devoting his personal attention almost exclusively to selling the latter commodity. He resides on forty acres of his land, the home farm being situated on the south side of the Bath and Copley Township road, about nine miles west of Akron. His other farm, containing sixty-seven acres, lies west of this place. Mr. Hawkins was born on his present farm, June 28, 1854, and is a son of George W. and Matilda (Hubbard) Hawkins.

Samuel Hawkins, the grandfather, came from Connecticut to Copley Township, at an early day, and spent the rest of his life on his pioneer farm. George W. Hawkins, father of Eugene A., was the first white child born in Copley Township, in which he spent the whole of his life. He assisted his father to clear the land, and frequently told his children of how in early days he followed a blazed trail to the village of Akron, carrying grain to and from the mill. He always engaged in general farming, and during the Civil War he also did some garden trucking. He married Matilda Hubbard, who was born in Copley Township, of parents who came to Ohio from Vermont. After marriage they settled on the farm which is now the property of Eugene A. Hawkins, and cleared a part of the land, living here until death. Mrs. Haw-

kins died December 5, 1886, aged seventy years, and he survived her for ten years. They had five children, namely: Adelia, who died young; Eliza, deceased, who married Warren Miller; Alice, who married Dr. A. O. Huntley; George, who died aged twenty-five years; and Eugene A. There was an adopted daughter, Clarinda Blair, who married Horace Dunsha.

After his marriage, Eugene A. Hawkins went to housekeeping on a farm near the home place, of which he has had charge from maturity. In 1892 he was engaged as local agent for the S. M. Hess & Bro. firm, of Philadelphia, fertilizer manufacturers. Mr. Hawkins accepted the agency of only Bath and Copley Townships at first, but he made such progress in his sales that more territory was added, until now he has control for the company, of territory covering Summit, Medina, Wayne, Cuyahoga, Portage, Ashtabula, Geauga, Ashland, Erie and the north half of Stark Counties. This large territory requires Mr. Hawkins to practically give all his time to advancing the interests of this company. He is a man of excellent business foresight. In 1903 he operated a coal and fertilizer business of his own at Copley Center, and in the same year admitted Newton Smith to partnership, but later bought Mr. Smith's stock and took in his son-in-law, Homer A. Swigart. The latter attends to the business at Copley Center while Mr. Hawkins continues on the road. Mr. Hawkins was the first dealer to handle coal in this township, and in 1906 he sold over 3,000 tons. He has an admirable business location, right adjacent to the Northern Ohio Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins own a one-half interest in the Summit Rural Telephone Company, of which he is treasurer, W. F. Laubach being president and general manager.

On January 1, 1878, Mr. Hawkins was married to Juvie Colson, who is a daughter of Orren and Valeucia Colson, and they have three children: Jessie, Mabel and Ruth. The eldest daughter married Prof. H. O. Bolich, who is principal of the Cuyahoga Falls High School. Mabel, the second daughter, married Homer A. Swigart, who is in partnership, at Copley Center, with Mr. Hawkins. They have two children: Alverda and Alice.

In political sentiment, Mr. Hawkins is a Republican and he was one of the building committee for the Centralized School of Copley Township. With his family, he belongs to the Disciples Church.

A. E. LYMAN, vice president and general manager of the Lyman Lumber Company, of Akron, with offices on South Main Street, is interested in an industry which is of large importance in this section. Mr. Lyman has been a resident of Akron for eighteen years, but he was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1853.

Mr. Lyman was four years old when his parents moved to Tallmadge, Summit County, where he was reared and educated. In 1876 he went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he was engaged in the lumber business until 1889. He then returned to Akron, still carrying on the same line of business, and subsequently established the Lyman Lumber Company, an organization which deals in all kinds of lumber. He has occupied his present location since 1897. From his many years' experience in this line, Mr. Lyman has become an expert in both soft and hard lumber and his advice on the subject is frequently sought by his patrons.

In 1876, Mr. Lyman was married to Alice Bierce, who is a daughter of L. B. Bierce, of Tallmadge, who was a pioneer of that locality. They have one son, Lucius B., who is associated with his father in the lumber business. Mr. Lyman is a member of the First Congregational Church at Akron and is a member of the Board of Deacons.

C. F. ADAMSON, a mechanical and electrical engineer, with offices in the Hamilton Building, Akron, has made great strides in his profession, reaching a position of responsibility in spite of his youth, which men have not attained who have given a much longer

period to study and practice. From boyhood he has displayed a natural leaning in the direction of this profession and his main line of efforth has been so projected.

C. F. Adamsen was born at Carlton, Ohio, in 1882, but from childhood he was reared in Akron. After completing the High School course in this city, he spent some years gaining practical experience in the shops of his father, A. Adamson, a leading business man and manufacturer at Akron. He afterwards devoted several years to obtaining a wide engineering experience, occupying responsible positions with many prominent concerns through the country. For some time he was engaged in machine tool designing, being retained by the Pittsburg Machine Tool Company as chief designer. In 1900 he was in charge of the construction and equipment of the plant of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, at Franklin, Pa., also giving much time to the designing of their air compressors and other products. He became connected with the engineering department, Carnegie Steel Company, in 1902, and, after serving two years, he established an engineering office at Akron in 1904.

Mr. Adamson has devoted his time to general engineering practice, inventions and research, and he has made many valuable improvements in labor saving machinery. As consulting engineer, he is engaged by a number of the large manufacturing concerns throughout the country, and his services are in great demand for the designing of new machinery, and manufacturing plants. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In 1902 Mr. Adamson was married to Miss Mary M. O'Donovan, of Franklin, Pa. He is a member of the First Church of Christ.

JAMES WILLIAM HORN, a highly esteemed citizen of Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, whose fine truck and garden farm on Merriman Street, is situated about one-half mile from the limits of Akron, was born on what is now West Market Street, Akron, April 16, 1865, and is a son of Jackson and Elizabeth (Robinson) Horn.

Jackson Horn, who was an early pioneer from Pennsylvania, had been a school teacher in his younger days, but later engaged in carpenter work and in gardening. His death occurred in Portage Township, Summit County, in 1895. Mr. Horn and his wife, who had been one of his pupils at school, became the parents of eight children, seven of whom still survive.

James William Horn was reared in Portage Township, and after leaving the country schools became a farm hand. He continued to work on different farms until about 1877, when, with his brother Stephen Henry Horn, he took charge of the gardening business which had been started by their father, and they continued as partners until 1904, when James W. Horn engaged in business on his own account. He purchased eight and one-half acres of land, and in addition to the two and one-half acres owned by his sons, he rents a tract of 100 acres across the road from his home, and cultivates it all, twenty acres of this being laid out in a truck farm, which is one of the largest in the county. He makes a specialty of small vegetables, and raises about 40,000 head of cabbage annually. He sells by wholesale through Akron, employs six hands and runs two wagons. In 1906, Mr. Horn erected his present beautiful residence.

On September 19, 1886, Mr. Horn was married to Bessie May Harris, who was born in Bath Township, and is a daughter of Edward Harris. They have six children, as follows: Percy J., who married Delia Hill, who is a daughter of Joseph Hill; Esther, who is the wife of George B. Replogle, has one child, Margaret; and Ralph, James, Jay and Earl.

WILLIAM CLERKIN, president and general manager of the Taplin, Rice, Clerkin Company, of Akron, one of the city's large and flourishing industries, with factories in Akron, is a man of much business enterprise and is identified with other successful con-

cerns of this section. Mr. Clerkin was born at Hudson, Ohio, February 14, 1860, and is a son of Patrick Clerkin. The father of Mr. Clerkin was born in Ireland. He settled near Hudson, Ohio, in 1832, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years.

William Clerkin received his education in the district schools of Hudson Township, Western Reserve Academy and Buchtel College, where he graduated in 1887. He followed school-teaching for some years after completing his own education, his first school being in a little cabin schoolhouse, which he had attended in his youth. In 1890 he became connected with the firm of May & Fiebeger, at Akron, with which he continued for five years, during that time thoroughly learning the furnace business. In December, 1894, with other capitalists, he organized the Twentieth Century Heating and Ventilating Company, for the manufacture of a full line of heating furnaces. He sold his interests in that company in 1907 and organized the Taplin, Rice, Clerkin Company with a capital stock of $250,000. The Taplin, Rice, Clerkin Company has two factories and employs 300 men. The offices of this company are: William Clerkin, president and general manager; C. B. Raymond, vice-president; Edward Crow, secretary; and C. N. Belden, treasurer. Mr. Clerkin is also a director of the Akron People's Telephone Company, the People's Savings Bank and a director and trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association Building. Mr. Clerkin is active in politics to the extent of good citizenship.

In 1890 Mr. Clerkin was married to Elizabeth Shields of Cleveland, and they have a family of five sons and three daughters, as follows: William, Harold, Leonard, Paul, Cyril, Irene, Anna and Bessie. Mr. Clerkin and family belong to St. Vincent De Paul's Catholic Church of Akron.

CHARLES ARTHUR CARTER, one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Northampton Township, residing on his valuable farm of fifty-six acres, where, with the able assistance of his son, he engages in general farming and dairying, was born in Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 28, 1851. His parents were William and Evelyn (Gillett) Carter.

The first of the Carter family to come to this section of Ohio was William Carter, the grandfather of Charles A., who settled in Hudson Township. He married Betsey Mays and their wedding was the first ever celebrated in Boston Township. He owned a good farm but did not develop it to any degree, his tastes lying more in the direction of hunting and fishing. He served in the War of 1812.

William Carter (2), father of Charles Arthur, was born in Boston Township, Summit County, and died in 1890, aged sixty-seven years. For a considerable part of his life he owned and operated boats on the Ohio Canal. He owned a farm in Richfield Township, which was mainly managed by his sons. He married Evelyn Gillett, of Richfield Township, and they had the following children: Julia, who married Charles Meade, resides at Everett; Charles A., resides in Northampton Township; William is deceased; Albert resides in Northampton Township; Edwin is a resident of Northfield; Nettie, who married John Johnston, resides in Boston Township; and Jessie, who married Frank Waite, resides at Akron. The mother of the above family died in December, 1873, aged forty-seven years. Both parents were worthy members of the United Brethren Church.

Charles Arthur Carter was fourteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Richfield Township, and as he was the eldest son, a large part of the responsibility of managing the farm fell on his shoulders during his father's absence. In this way he did not have more than ordinary educational advantages. As he grew older he worked on the neighboring farms, gaining valuable experience and making many friends through the township whom he retains to the present day. When married he went to farming on his own account, and for twenty-nine years he rented

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and resided on the Mathew Broughton farm. In 1901 he purchased his present property, which is mainly under the management of his son, Darwin Burr Carter, who, since an affliction of the eyes has fallen upon his father, has nobly taken the helm. Mr. Carter keeps seven head of cows and sells his milk to the Akron Pure Milk Company.

Mr. Carter married Susan Lappin, who was born on the farm of her father, John Lappin, in Boston Township, February 11, 1852, and they have four children, namely: Myrtle E., who married Fred Blackburn of Boston Township; Park Oliver, residing at Cleveland; Darwin Burr; and Fannie, who is a popular teacher in Bath Township, residing at home.

JOHN MOORE JOHNSTON, a member of the Board of Infirmary Directors of Summit County, has been a resident of Akron since the fall of 1906, but still retains his great stock farm of 190 acres, in Copley Township, and is interested in the breeding of standard horses of a type that has made his name known all over Ohio. Mr. Johnston was born in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 13, 1844, and is a son of William and Elizabeth G. (Moore) Johnston.

On the maternal side, Mr. Johnston comes of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, Joseph Moore, having won distinction first as an Indian fighter and later as a soldier in the Continental army. John Moore, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Johnston resided in Stark County until after the birth of his daughter Elizabeth and then settled in Springfield Township, Summit County. On the paternal side the grandfather was Cornelius Johnston, who, born in New Jersey, went from that State to Pennsylvania, and whence he came to the wild regions of Green Township, Summit County, in 1814. William Johnston, father of John M., was born in Green Township, August 3, 1815, and died in Copley Township, in 1885. In recalling William Johnston, one of the reliable useful men of his day and locality is brought to mind. He was of a higher type intellectually than many of his neighbors and became to some extent leader among them, capably performing the duties of public office and assisting in the development of the various resources of his section. He was one of the early directors of the County Infirmary on the board of which his son has served since 1905. William and Elizabeth Johnston had two children, John Moore, and Cornelius Alexander, the latter of whom is a prominent farmer, residing in Tallmadge Township.

John M. Johnston obtained his education in the district schools of Copley Township, and for many years devoted his whole attention to farming and stockraising. He made a specialty of fine horses and has produced many animals on his farm that have won fame all over the country. Mr. Johnston owned the sire and dam, and raised the finely matched team that became the property of the late President McKinley, this team being attached to the carriage which was used by the Chief-Magistrate on the day of his inaugural. Mr. Johnston is justly proud of having raised horses that took precedence in the White House stables. Many of his horses have been sold for fancy driving and have been taken to all parts of the world, never failing to reflect credit on their breeder. Mr. Johnston is an ardent Republican and has always taken a patriotic citizen's interest in public affairs. He has served two terms as infirmary director, the first one a number of years ago.

In 1867, Mr. Johnston was married to Mary Angelia Dales. Her father, Stephen Dales, was born March 25, 1802, in Delaware County, New York. His father served in the capacity of a teamster in the War of 1812, in which year the family came to Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have two children, namely: Jessie, who is the wife of Gilbert C. Waltz, a prominent real estate dealer at Akron; and Marcia, who is the wife of C. B. Nash, who is employed in the treasurer's office of the Goodrich Rubber Company, at Akron. Mr. Johnston is widely known

through Summit County and, while numbered with the most substantial of her citizens, is equally considered as one of the most benevolent.

JOHN ABELE, who owns 104 acres of fine farming land in Portage Township, was born February 15, 1850, in Wurtemburg, Germany, and is a son of John and Victoria Abele, both of whom died in Germany.

John Abele learned the trade of a puddler and followed it in his own country until his twenty-first year, when he came to America. He worked one year in the rolling mills at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was employed for two years by the Cambria Iron and Steel Company at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In 1873 Mr. Abele located at Akron, Ohio, and the next twenty-three years were spent with the Akron Iron Company, where he rendered faithful service in the capacity of puddler. Mr. Abele left the employ of this company in 1896, and for six years thereafter cultivated a 20-acre tract of land in Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, but at the end of this time purchased his present property, which was the old Edward Roepke farm, from John Rice, and here he has carried on agricultural pursuits to the present time. Mr. Abele's farm, which is one of the largest in this section of Portage Township, has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He also conducts the Akron Garbage Route.

In 1875, in Akron, Mr. Abele was married to Agatha Treitingar, who was born at Akron, Ohio, and is a daughter of Caspar Treitingar. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Abele, namely: John, Joseph, Frank, William, Clara, Albert and Annie.

Mr. Abele, with his family, attends the German Catholic Church.

H. C. WILCOX, who conducts a title and abstract business at Akron, with quarters at Room 5, Wilson Building, was born in Richfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, November 10, 1843.

Mr. Wilcox was reared on the home farm in Richfield Township and attended the neighboring schools through boyhood. When still under eighteen years of age, in July, 1861, he entered the Union Army, first as a teamster, but in the fall of the same year enlisted as a private soldier in Company K, Third New York Cavalry, and remained in the army subsequently for four years and five months. His service was mainly in Virginia and the Carolinas. He passed about eighteen months in North Carolina, and participated in the battles of Kingston, N. C., Petersburg and Richmond. He took part in many of the raids which were such an important part in the movements in that section, notably the Wilson raid, with others of like character, having participated in thirty odd engagements. He was mustered out of the service at City Point, Virginia, November 30, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Albany, in December, 1865.

Mr. Wilcox then returned to the home farm and worked for his father until 1878, when he went to Kansas, where he spent seven years. In 1885 he came to Akron and established the business in which he has been interested ever since.

In 1867 Mr. Wilcox was married to Mary Templeton, and they have seven children, namely: Henry C., a mechanical engineer, residing in Wisconsin; Francis L., wife of W. B. Doyle; George, residing at East Akron; Millie, who married Charles Markwalder; Arthur G., a practitioner of medicine residing at Solon Spring, Wisconsin, a graduate of the Western Reserve Medical College and of Adelbert College; and Frank and Ralph, the latter of whom has just graduated from the Akron High School. Mr. Wilcox has kept up old army associations and is a member of Buckley Post, G. A. R.

JOHN W. McDOWELL, president of the Portage Township School Board, is the owner of sixty acres of excellent farming land at Fairlawn, Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, where he has resided since 1898. He was born in Sugar Creek Town-

ship, Wayne County, Ohio, February 10, 1864, and is a son of Luther and Margaret (Cully) McDowell.

John McDowell, the grandfather of John W., was a native of Pennsylvania, and the son of a Scotch emigrant. He came to Wayne County, Ohio, at an early day, and there the remainder of his life was spent. Luther McDowell was reared in Sugar Creek Township, and was there married to Margaret Cully, who was a daughter of Joseph Cully, who was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. McDowell there were born six children, as follows: Calvin, who resides at Dalton, Wayne County; Allen, who lives at Wilmington, Pennsylvania; Thomas, who resides at Dalton; John W.; Jennie, who lives at Dalton; and Minnie, who maried Oliver Hauenstein, resides near Dalton. The parents of these children still survive and live with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hauenstein.

John W. McDowell was reared in his native section, and after attending the common schools of the township, entered the Dalton High School, from which he was graduated, and subsequently attended the Ohio Normal School at Ada, Ohio. For the next four years he taught school in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, and he then went to Apple Creek, where, with W. D. Weaver, he embarked in a hardware and farm implement business, continuing there for two years. At the end of this time he sold out his interests and located in Akron, where for eleven years he worked in the hardware establishment of May and Fiebeger, subsequently becoming a member of the firm of Pettitt Brothers and McDowell, at No. 18 South Howard Street. Four years later, January 1, 1907, he sold out his interests in the hardware business of W. F. Ringler, and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his present fine farm, which he had purchased prior to engaging in business for himself.

On December 25, 1888, Mr. McDowell was united in marriage with Belle Cook, who is a daughter of Jesse and Hetty Cook, of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio. They have five children: Altie, Dale, Willis, George and John.

Mr. McDowell has shown much interest in educational matters, and in 1901 he was elected a member of the School Board of Portage Township, of which he was made president in 1903. He is a Knight of Pythias and a Knight of the Maccabees.

WILLIAM WALTERS, who has been treasurer of Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, for the past twelve years, owns here the fine farm of fifty acres, on which he was born, August 26, 1869, and is a son of William and Sarah Ann (Campbell) Walters.

Henry Walters, the grandfather of William, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a millwright by trade, who acquired a farm after coming to Wayne County, Ohio, on which was a very fine orchard, from which he gathered as many as 1,500 bushels of apples annually. He died in Wayne County in 1875, aged seventy-two years. His wife was named Anna Vizcavert. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

William Walters, father of William, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1830, and at the age of eleven years began to learn the millwright trade with his father, which he followed throughout life, his last work in this line being the finishing of the Shumaker plant, at Akron. On December 25, 1869, he came to Northampton Township from Sugar Creek Township, and settled on a farm of fifty acres, which he had purchased some time previously, and to which he later added thirty-six acres. When his sons became old enough to work on the farm they took charge and Mr. Walters retired, and he died in 1885, in Northampton Township, aged fifty-five years. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and at the time of his death was serving as township treasurer, elected by that party. Mr. Walters was married to Sarah Ann Campbell, who died in 1893. She was a daughter of Henry Campbell, of Wayne County, Ohio

There were three children born to them: Rama R., of East Akron; Henry J., and William.

William Walters was educated in the common schools, and he has engaged in farming ever since boyhood. In 1900 he purchased the home farm from his father's heirs, and he has since made many improvements here. His buildings on this property are of a substantial nature and include the residence built by his father in 1873, and a circular silo 12x24 feet. He raises large crops of oats and corn, and keeps about fifteen head of cattle, disposing of his milk to the Akron Pure Milk Company.

Mr. Walters was married to Nellie Hardy, who is a daughter of Perry D. Hardy, a prominent resident of Northampton Township, and they have one child, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Walters attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican and he has been a leading man in his community for many years. His long tenure in office speaks well as to the confidence felt in him by his fellow-citizens.

LEVI RAWSON was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, July 2, 1808. He came to Ohio in 1829 and settled in Massillon in October, 1830, where he was engaged in successful business under the titles of Rawson & Brainerd, L. & S. Rawson, and S. Lind & Co., conducting a general merchandise store, also operating the Red Mill on the Ohio Canal.

Mr. Rawson in 1844 moved to Akron, where he owned and operated the Cascade and Ætna Mills. During his residence in Akron he lived in the house at the northeast corner of East Market and Broadway. The Akron mills were operated under the firm name of Rawson & Noble. He was also engaged in the woolen business, operating a mill in Middlebury under the name of Rawson & Goodale.

In 1849 Mr. Rawson moved to Cleveland, although still retaining his interests in Akron, and there until his death was engaged in the forwarding and commission business, being identified with the firm of Rawson, Foot & Curtis. He was also interested in the vessels Massillon and Marshfield, which were engaged in the lake trade, the Massillon in 1859 making a trip from Cleveland to Liverpool. Mr. Rawson died in Cleveland, January 25, 1884, after a successful business career of fifty-six years. Socially, he was genial, kind and liberal to those less fortunate, giving freely and without ostentation. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Geo. T. Perkins, and two sons, Charles and Ed. B. Rawson, of Lisbon, Ohio.

AUGUST C. MILLER, general contractor at Akron, dealing in brick, stone and lime, with quarters at No. 295 Buckeye Street, came to this city in 1874. He was born in 1852, in Prussia-Germany, and was eighteen years of age when he came to America.

Mr. Miller had partly learned his trade before leaving his own land, and he completed his apprenticeship in America, working in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee and Cleveland. When he reached Akron he was ready to undertake any kind of contract for mason work or building construction. He worked awhile for different parties, but in 1876 embarked in general contracting on his own account, his first big job being for the Robinson Brothers' Sewer Pipe plant. Mr. Miller has continued in the contracting business and during his business life of a quarter of a century here, he has had the contracts for some of the city's most important buildings. His work is seen in the Akron Savings Bank Building; the O'Neil Building; the brick work for the Diamond Rubber Buildings; the Kubler and Beck Buildings; the Burkhardt Brewery plant; the Star Drill Machine Company's plant, and many others of lesser note. At the date of this writing (1907) he is building the Star Rubber Company's new plant. In addition to what may be called his personal business, Mr. Miller is interested in a number of other important enterprises of Akron, in which his name has inspired additional confidence. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Security Savings

Bank, and a stockholder in the People's Savings Bank. He is interested in the Central Savings and Trust Company; is a stockholder in the Diamond Rubber Company, the B. F. Goodrich Company, and the Akron Brewery Company, and is also a director in the Lodi Oil and Refinery Company.

In 1881 Mr. Miller was married to Adele Uitas, who was born in Prussia-Germany, and they have two children, Adele and Bodo E., the latter of whom is a medical student in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Mr. Miller is a prominent member of the Democratic party in this city and takes much interest in local affairs. For three years he has been a member of the Akron Liebertafel, a leading German social organization. A man of unimpeachable character, Mr. Miller is a representative of Akron's best citizenship.

FRANK F. MILLER, mechanical engineer, with the Star Drilling Machine Company, of Akron, has been identified with this line of work ever since he entered into business, and has been a resident of this city since he was ten years old. He was born in 1879 at Smith's Ferry, Ohio, but his childhood was passed at Braceville, Leavittsburg and Newton Falls, to which point his parents, J. W. and Abbie (Brown) Miller moved while he was very young.

Mr. Miller entered the public schools of Akron at the age above mentioned and continued until he was graduated from the Akron High School, in 1897. He then became a student at the Western University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1901, with his degree of M. E. During the following year he worked for the American Bridge Company, first at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and later at Canton, Ohio, then for one year he was with the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Engineering Company, of Cleveland, since which time he has been with the Star Drilling Machine Company, in his present capacity. He is a stockholder in this enterprise and also owns stock in the Star Rubber Company.

In 1902 Mr. Miller was married to Clara A. Parisette, daughter of Charles and Susan (Selzer) Parisette. Charles Parisette was born in Germany and came to the United States about 1857. Mr. Parisette volunteered in a California regiment during the Civil War, and now makes his home in Akron, at 738 West Market Street. Mrs. Miller graduated from the Akron High School in 1898, also from the Perkins Normal School two years later. She then taught in the Allen school. With her husband, she belongs to te First Congregational Church. They are the parents of two children—Forest Kenneth and Alma Lenore.

ALBERT C. HARRINGTON, a general farmer of Northampton Township, is a worthy representative of a prominent old family of Summit County, was born April 19, 1872, on the old Harrington homestead, and is a son of Frederick L. and Mahala (Carter) Harrington.

Job Harrington, grandfather of Albert C., was born at Bennington, Vermont, March 9, 1792, and was a son of Richard Harrington. In the fall of 1812 he left Bennington and reached Tallmadge Township, Summit County, before the end of the year, commissioned to purchase a farm for his parents. In the following year the family came to the new home and built their little log cabin in the midst of the forest. In 1814 Job returned to Vermont and married Susan Hartle, who was born at Georgetown, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1796. In 1815 Job Harrington bought the farm on which Albert C. Harrington was born and reared. He died March 24, 1869. During the early days when pioneer conditions prevailed and the larger number of his neighbors were Indians, Job Harrington displayed those sturdy characteristics which made him one of the most useful men of the township. He conciliated the Indians and made friends of them for himself and the community, and possessed the shrewdness as well as the integrity which brought about improved conditions for all concerned. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Harrington, Wil-

liam Carter, was also of New England birth and ancestry, and he too was a man of prominence and usefulness in Summit County. William Carter was born at Middletown, Connecticut, February 13, 1792, married Chloe Wadsworth in 1814, and died April 24, 1876. William Carter came to Northampton Township at a very early day. He was a bricklayer by trade and an expert workman, and buildings in numbers still stand, both at Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, which testify to his skill.

Frederick L. Harrington was born October 14, 1835, and died in 1899. He was married October 10, 1866, to Mahala Carter, who was born October 11, 1842, one of four children born to William Carter by his second wife, Jane Carter, to whom he was married in Northampton Township, October 17, 1834. The other children were: Patty, William and Helen. Frederick L. Harrington and wife had five children, namely: Charles E., who was born February 24, 1869; Albert C., Frank L., who was born December 13, 1874; Myron E., who was born May 22, 1877; and Laurel L. who was born June 8, 1896, and died at fifteen years of age.

Albert C. Harrington was reared in Northampton Township and after completing his schooling, engaged in farming on the old homestead until his marriage, when he settled on the farm on which he has resided ever since, this being a valuable tract of seventy-four and one-half acres, which came to his wife on the death of her mother. Mr. Harrington operates this farm after modern methods, largely as a dairy farm. He keeps about fifteen head of cattle and ships his milk to Akron. His main crops are hay, corn, wheat and oats, and he has an excellent silo. The comfortable residence was built by his late mother-in-law, Mrs. Flannigan, in 1891.

On November 27, 1901, Mr. Harrington was married to Fanny May Flannigan, who was born and reared on the present farm. She is the second daughter of John and Maria (Cochran) (Purcell) Flannigan. The father of Mrs. Harrington was born in Ireland and died in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, December 27, 1879, aged fifty-five years and five months. He came to America in boyhood and worked as a farm hand until shortly after his marriage, when he bought a farm in the northeast corner of Northampton Township. This first purchase was of seventy-five acres, to which he subsequently added 140 acres, located partly in Boston and partly in Northampton Townships, and these two farms he operated until his death as dairy farms, keeping twenty head of cattle. He carried on a large cheese and butter industry on the farm and its products were disposed of at Akron. He was survived twenty-five years by his widow, who died December 20, 1903. She was born in 1825, in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Robert and Fanny (Bird) Cochran. Her father was killed by the Indians while making a trip through California. There were eleven children in his family, all of whom are deceased, except James, who is a general farmer and dairyman in Northampton Township, and Martha, who married William Galloway, also of Northampton Township. The mother of Mrs. Harrington was married, first to Nicholas Purcell, who was survived by one daughter, Josephine, who married Edward Donahue, of Northampton Township. To her second marriage two daughters were born: Martha Jane, who married John E. Raleigh, of Northampton Township; and Fanny May, who married Albert C. Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have three children, namely: Opal E., who was born September 13, 1903; Chester A., who was born June 18, 1905; and Velma Rhea, who was born August 13, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington are members of the United Presbyterian Church, to which Mrs. Flannigan also belonged, and in which she was much beloved. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never been willing to accept political office, preferring the quiet life of a private citizen. With his wife he belongs to the Northampton Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

M. C. HEMINGER, who is engaged in a real estate, insurance and loan business at Akron, with offices at No. 1094 South Main Street, is one of the representative business men of the city. He was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, September 10, 1861.

Mr. Heminger was reared in his native section, attending the local schools, and later completed a normal course at Mt. Union and a commercial course at Painesville. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed more or less continuously for twenty years, having obtained an Ohio State Life Certificate in 1895. During this period he became interested in the buying and selling of property, and met with such good success that he declined his appointment as teacher of the Clinton schools, in 1901, in order to accept a position with the Akron Realty Company. He entered that company as a bookkeeper, later became a salesman and subsequently secretary, treasurer and general manager. In 1906 Mr. Heminger went into the real estate business for himself, adding insurance, loans and investments, and he has met with most satisfactory success. His method is to purchase tracts of land and make first-class improvements, subsequently finding no difficulty in disposing of them. His efforts have benefitted the whole community, as he has been the means of bringing much outside capital to this point. He is a director of the South Akron Banking Company. His business office has been at Akron for the past seven years, but his beautiful home is situated at Kenmore.

In 1887 Mr. Heminger was married to Sarah A. Jones, who was born in Wales, and they have a bright, interesting family of four sons and four daughters, namely: Vesta M., Richard B., Muriel W., Alice C., Harold R., Arthur L. Leah M. and Beryl G. The eldest daughter graduated from the Kenmore High School and is taking a course in music in the Cleveland School of Music, having a great natural gift. Mr. Heminger and family belong to the Reformed Church at Kenmore, in the Sunday School of which he takes a deep interest.

As an intelligent and enlightened citizen, Mr. Heminger takes a laudable interest in all public matters concerning his city, county and country at large. He has served as clerk of Fairfield Township, Tuscarawas County, and is chairman of the Board of Education of Coventry Township.

JOHN D. JONES, president of the J. D. Jones Coal Company, operating coal mines at Hametown (his place of residence) and Manchester, in Summit County, and in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, owns the latter mine, and is also one of the directors of the Hametown Coal Company. He was born in Glenmorganshire, Wales, April 29, 1851, and is a son of David D. and Keziah (Morgan) Jones.

Coal mining has been the occupation of the Jones family for several generations and the subject of this sketch accompanied his father to the mines when he was a little boy, doing such work as falls to children in the old Welsh mines. When he was nine years of age he began to work at the Great Western shaft, and was employed at different places which were more or less dangerous. He worked at the Fern Dale shaft and left there just thirteen days before there was an explosion in it in November, 1867, by which 214 men lost their lives.

In December, 1868, when seventeen years of age, Mr. Jones came to America and joined his parents at Sherman, Ohio, where they had settled three and one-half years before. In 1871 the family moved to Hametown, which has been the home of John D. Jones ever since. By a premature explosion of powder in one of the mines David D. Jones was so seriously injured, in September, 1885, that he survived but five days. A comrade was killed instantly.

In 1873 John D. Jones was married to Elizabeth Boden, who is a daughter of John Boden, and who was born also in Wales, and came to Norton Township in girlhood. They have eight surviving children, namely: Gomar, who is president and secretary of the Hametown Coal Company; Gwylnn, who

married Alta Mohn, and has two children; David J., who married Maude Helmick, and has two children; Henry, who married Elma Williams, has one child; and Obediah, Mae, Jeannetta and Charles, residing at home. Four other children are deceased. Mr. Jones is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias at Doylestown.

Gomar Jones, the eldest of the above family, was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 5, 1874, and was reared and educated in this neighborhood. Like his father and grandfather, his whole business life has been identified with coal interests. With his father, John D. Jones, John Klein and Obediah Jones, he is interested in the Hametown Coal Company's mine, being president, secretary and manager of the works, this coal bank having been opened up in April, 1893. In April, 1905, the J. D. Jones Coal Company, in which he is also interested, bought a coal bank at Manchester. The third mine of the company, located in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, was started December 26, 1906. The coal industry is one of the most important in Norton Township, and requires a large investment and careful management.

In 1898 Gomar Jones was married to Ida Williams, who is a daughter of John C. Williams, a coal miner, now residing in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children: Robert L. and Clayton. Mr. Jones is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Barberton.

JOHN BLACKBURN, a representative agriculturist of Boston Township, who is serving his second term as township trustee, was born December 15, 1829, in Lincolnshire, England, and is a son of William and Jane (Emerson) Blackburn.

William Blackburn was born in Lincolnshire, England, where he died at the age of sixty-six years. His widow came to America when seventy-five years of age with her youngest son. She died at Hudson, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was buried at Peninsula. William and Jane (Emerson) Blackburn were the parents of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity: James, Mary and George, all deceased; John; Thomas, who resides at Hudson; and Henry, who lives in Cleveland.

John Blackburn had but meager educational opportunities when a youth, but through reading and association with others, has long since remedied any early defects. He was twenty-three years old when he came to America on a sailing vessel, one of the old kind which took six weeks to make the voyage. He arrived in Boston Township June 3, 1853, and worked for three months on the Ohio Canal. In the spring following he hired out to a farmer in Macedonia and lived there two years, but in the spring of 1855 he moved back to Boston Township, where he rented a farm for two years and another farm for seven years, paying a cash rent. In 1864 he purchased 155 acres of his present farm, to which he has added, by purchase, and is now the owner of 192 acres. This land he devotes to the cultivation of potatoes, wheat, hay, corn and oats. His fine residence of nine rooms was erected by Mr. Blackburn in 1888, and he has a barn 60x40x20, with a 9-foot basement, which he built in 1895. His buildings are well kept, and everything about the property shows careful management. Mr. Blackburn has given special attention to dairying and keeps twenty-five cows, his milk being disposed of at Cleveland.

On September 22, 1853, John Blackburn was united in marriage with Elizabeth Whitlam, who is the daughter of John Whitlam of Lincolnshire, England. This was an early romance, an engagement existing before he left his native country. Mrs. Blackburn passed away in 1903, aged ninety-two years. They had four children: Emerson, who died at the age of twenty years; George, who resides in Cuyahoga Falls; William Grant, who resides at Hudson; and John Fred, who is assisting his father on the home farm. Mr. Blackburn is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Peninsula, where he has also been Sunday School superintendent and steward.

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He and his wife were the first two members of this church which he helped to erect, and to which he has always been a liberal contributor. Mr. Blackburn is a Republican in State and National affairs, but in local matters he is an independent voter.

LEWIS HOLZHAUER, one of Summit County's representative men, owning an excellent farm of 172 acres in Northfield Township, is a public-spirited citizen of his locality and an honored veteran of the great Civil War, in which he was seriously wounded. Mr. Holzhauer was born November 22, 1845, in Baden, Germany, and is a son of Wilhelm and Anna Katherina (Vorbach) Holzhauer.

Wilhelm Holzhauer was born in Baden, Germany, where he received a common school education. After completing his apprenticeship to the mason and stone cutting trade, he, like other European workmen, ambitious to gain a complete mastery of their chosen occupation, traveled in other countries—France and Switzerland. In the latter country he imbibed teachings concerning freedom that made him a Republican in spirit long before he came to this country. In 1851 Mr. Holzhauer came to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, his family coming three years later, and after the war they purchased a residence there. In 1876 they located on the farm now owned by Lewis Holzhauer in Northfield Township. Wilhelm Holzhauer was at one time a member of the Ancient Order of Good Fellows. His first vote was cast for Buchanan for president, but he considered this a mistake, which he regretted all of his life, and always thereafter voted the Republican ticket. Mr. Holzhauer became so Americanized that he anglicized the Christian names of his children as well as his own. Originally Catholics, after coming to the United States the family became identified with the Protestant Church. Wilhelm Holzhauer was married to Anna Katherina Vorbach, who was born in Baden, Germany, November 6, 1815, and who died aged sixty-nine years. Her husband survived her until April 17, 1906, he lacking sixty days of being ninety years old. They had four children, of whom three grew to maturity, namely: Almeda, who is the wife of Ephriam West, of Independence, Ohio; Amelia, now deceased, who married John Steele, of Iowa; and Lewis.

Lewis Holzhauer attended school in Germany until he was nine years of age, when the family started for America, coming via Strasburg, Paris and Havre. On reaching Strasburg they saw the big tower and famous clock, and as it happened to be noon, the cock appeared and crowed three times, when the figures of the Saviour and His disciples also appeared, marching in single file in the open space around the tower. Although these figures are of great size, Mr. Holzhauer distinctly remembers that they looked diminutive from his viewpoint, as the tower is 500 feet high from the curb. Young Holzhauer joined a crowd that was intent on ascending the tower by the winding steps, but they finally arrived at a window where an entrance fee was demanded, so the disappointed child turned back. Everything was a source of wonder to his childish mind. Having no through trains at that day, the party had a wait of five or six hours at Paris, and decided to view the various sights. At Havre, where they had to remain three days before embarking on their vessel, he saw for the first time a colored man, and called to his mother that he saw a number of "chimney-sweeps," but was informed by his mother that they were Africans. Their sailing vessel, the "Eagle," was an American ship, and had a huge gold eagle for a figure-head under the bowsprit. From the sailors of this vessel, also Americans, young Holzhauer learned a number of words of English, including, unfortunately, some oaths. On this journey the vessel made most remarkable speed for that day, the trip taking but 21 days, which included two days laying in quarantine in New York.

Mr. Holzhauer distinctly remembers the sudden change in temperature the passengers experienced. Although the vessel left Havre in midwinter, it seemed almost like summer weather during most of the journey, the men

on board going around in shirt sleeves and summer clothing. The vessel had taken the southern course and the weather was exceedingly balmy until reaching America, when it became suddenly frigid, much suffering being caused thereby.

After settling in America the family lived successively at Parma, Independence, North Amherst, and in Fulton County, Ohio, where Mr. Holzhauer completed his education in English, and in August, 1863, he enlisted in Company K, 124th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he served until the close of the war. The regiment had been in the field eight months when Company K was recruited to complete it, and they joined it when it was taking position during the battle of Chickamauga with the Army of the Cumberland. They marched without arms until getting into action, when they armed themselves with the guns of those wounded or killed. Mr. Holzhauer was wounded in the knee at the battle of Buzzard's Roost, the first engagement of the Georgia campaign, and some of the surgeons wished to amputate his leg, which would have been done but for the warning of the division surgeon. Mr. Holzhauer remained at the hospital at Chattanooga, Tennessee, from May 12 or 13, 1864, until the following February, reaching his regiment in March, when he was assigned to the First Battalion Invalid Corps, but eluded the authorities and succeeded in rejoining his regiment. They went thence to Greenfield, Tennessee, a historic little place, where Mr. Holzhauer noticed the weather-beaten sign, "Andrew Johnson, merchant tailor." Later they returned to Nashville, where he did garrison duty about the suburbs until receiving his honorable discharge in July, 1865, being mustered out at Cleveland, Ohio. He was always a brave and faithful soldier.

After the close of the war Mr. Holzhauer returned to his home, took a course in the Hights University school, then for several years he was engaged in working with his father at the trade of stone mason, but subsequently gave this occupation up, and from 1869 until 1879 was employed by Stevens & Sons, wholesale grocers, at Cleveland, Ohio. In the latter year he came to his present farm, which he had purchased in 1876, and on which the family had been residing, and here he has continued up to the present time with much success. The farm consists of 172 acres of fertile property, of which about fifty-five acres are under cultivation, five to eight acres being devoted to potatoes and the remainder to oats, wheat and hay. His dairy consists of a fine herd of from twelve to twenty head of cattle, the milk being shipped to Cleveland. His father built an addition to the large, comfortable home, and in addition to the barn which was already standing, Mr. Holzhauer erected a new barn, 36 by 50 feet, with 18-foot posts, and other outbuildings. He uses the most modern methods in the cultivation of his property, and is considered one of Northfield Township's most up-to-date agriculturists. He is a Republican in politics, and has served his township for two terms as trustee. His war service entitles him to membership in Royal Dunham Post, G. A. R., of Bedford, and he is also connected with the Summit County Horticultural Society.

Mr. Holzhauer was married to Helen Kirsch, who is now deceased, daughter of Peter Kirsch, of Cleveland. They had four children: Ida, who is the wife of W. G. McKenzie, of Cleveland; William, who lives at home; Alfred, a resident of Akron; and Helen, who married William Mickle, of Cleveland.

A. AUBLE, JR., president and general manager of the Akron Auto Garage Company, with quarters on East Buchtel Avenue, near Main Street, Akron, is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of this city. Mr. Auble was born and reared on a farm in Medina County, Ohio, near Wadsworth.

In 1891, Mr. Auble embarked in a bicycle business at Wadsworth, where he continued until 1903. Then coming to Akron he established an automobile business which he has expanded until it occupies a leading place

among the city's industries. In July, 1907, the Akron Auto Garage Company, of Akron, was incorporated, with Mr. Auble as president and manager, and F. C. Wood as secretary and treasurer. They do a general rebuilding business and at their garage represent some of the finest automobiles ever put on the market, including the Winton, Franklin, the Olds and the Baker Electrics. Mr. Auble is a practical machinist and understands all the superior points of every machine he handles.

In 1895 Mr. Auble was married to Lelia Young, of Sharon, Ohio. He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities, and of the Akron and Cleveland Automobile clubs, and in 1906 he was one of the vice-presidents of the Ohio Automobile Association. He belongs also to the Portage Country club of Akron.

LOUIS S. SWEITZER, M. D., a prominent citizen and leading physician and surgeon of Akron, with offices located at No. 147 East Market Street, has been a resident of this city for the past twenty-seven years. He was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1851, and was reared and educated in his native county, up to his entrance into Heidelberg College, at Tiffin. He subsequently studied medicine and was graduated in 1875 from the Cleveland Medical College. He took a post-graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, in 1880, having previously practiced in Tuscarawas County. After locating at Akron, in 1880, Dr. Sweitzer soon proved his professional ability, and he has since built up a large and satisfactory practice. He has identified himself with the Summit County, the Ohio State and the Northeastern Ohio Medical Societies. He is a member of the consulting staff of the Akron City Hospital. An active citizen, he has served on the Board of Education and, in connection with N. R. Sterner, was influential in developing the interests of South Akron, now so important a section of the city proper.

In 1875 Dr. Sweitzer was married to Frances E. Mackey, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Bessie, residing at home. Dr. Sweitzer is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and other organizations, but he takes no very active part in fraternal society work.

D. HENRY SELL, of The Hoover & Sell Company, leading clothing merchants at Akron, was born December 9, 1869, and is a son of John T. Sell. The latter was born and reared in Suffield Township, Portage County, enlisted from there in the Civil War and is now a resident of Akron, where he is employed by the Twentieth Century Heating and Ventilating Company.

D. Henry Sell was educated in the schools of Akron, and early in his business career worked two years as a butcher and one year with the B. F. Goodrich Company. In April, 1892, he entered the clothing store of L. & F. Bullinger, which was the first American clothing house established at Akron, and he remained with that firm for nine years. The stock was then purchased by Lang & Hoover, and Mr. Sell continued with the new firm until 1905, when he bought Mr. Lang's interest. The Hoover & Sell Company was incorporated with a capital stock of 25,000, and Mr. Sell continued the president until 1907. As a business man Mr. Sell enjoys the confidence of the public and his progressive methods have brought his firm much prominence.

On December 7, 1892, Mr. Sell was married to Mary Wetzel, of Akron, and they have three children—Adelaide May, Sophia Marie and Katharyn Naomi. He is a member of the Wooster Avenue Reformed Church. Fraternally, Mr. Sell is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, belonging to the Uniform Rank of the latter organization. For three and one-half years he was captain of No. 21, Uniform Rank.

JAMES MACKEY, formerly one of Richfield Township's leading citizens and successful farmers, was born near Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland, January 28, 1823, and died on his farm in Richfield Township, De-

cember 4, 1903. His parents were James and Rachel (Tipping) Mackey.

The parents of Mr. Mackey came to America in 1837, making the journey across the Atlantic Ocean in a sailing vessel. They were met at Cleveland, Ohio, by an old friend, with whom they remained until the father of Mr. Mackey located on a farm in Boston Township, just north of the village of that name. On that farm the late James Mackey grew to manhood and was there trained to be a good farmer. At the time of his marriage he bought his farm in Richfield Township, from the heirs of Ebenezer Palmer, and here he lived during the rest of his life. Prior to his marriage he had owned and operated a boat on the Muskingum River, and later became interested largely in the cattle and stock business. The home farm, which his widow has rented out for the past two years, was conducted mainly as a dairy farm, the milk going to the local creamery.

Mr. Mackey was a man of high standing in his community. For thirty years he was a trustee of the Richfield Congregational Church. His business ability was recognized when he was put in charge of the Building Committee of the School Board, of which he was long a member, when the Richfield High School was built. In the following year he was on the building committee for the erection of the Congregational Church. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but later became identified with the Prohibition party. He was made a Mason in middle life, and was a valued member of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 266, F. & A. M.

On April 21, 1868, James Mackey was married to Harriet Palmer and four children were born to them, the survivors being Jennie E.; James Earl, residing in Iowa; and Harriet Lucy, who married Frank Manelik, residing at Akron. One child, Helen Eliza, died in infancy.

Ebenezer Palmer, father of Mrs. Mackey, was born at Sand Gate, Vermont, in 1795. He came to Richfield Township in 1826, settling at East Richfield, where he established himself in business as a carpenter and builder, engaging in wagon-making during the winter seasons. A few years later he moved to Indiana, where he remained about eighteen months, and then returned to Summit County and bought a farm of 150 acres in South Richfield Township, and on this farm, Mrs. Mackey was born, November 18, 1844. Mr. Palmer lived there until his death, which occurred in 1867. For a short time he served in the War of 1812. He was a man of sterling character, worthy and reliable in every position of life. He was thrice married, his first wife dying in New York before he came to Ohio. He was married (second) to a Miss Griffin, of Copley, and at death she left three children: Miland; Ethan, deceased; and Griffin. He was married (third) to Laura Rust, who died in 1872. She was a daughter of Phineas Rust, of Brecksville, Ohio. They had ten children, the survivors being: Frederick; Palmer; Jennie, who married Phineas Carter, resides in Kansas; Mrs. Mackey; and Eben Palmer, a physician, who lives in Texas.

Both parents were active members of the Congregational Church.

W. H. LONG, superintendent of construction of the Niagara Fire Extinguisher Company, was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, November 3, 1861, where he was educated, and where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He is a practical plumber and steam-fitter and has had much experience along his present line of work.

Mr. Long served his apprenticeship with the Columbus Supply Company, of Columbus, going then to the Providence Steam and Gas Company and engaged in putting up fire extinguishers and gas pipe for the Fall River cotton mills, remaining with that concern for seven years. He resided at St. Louis, Missouri, for four years, and for two years was connected with the Chicago department of the Independence Sprinkler Company, later with the Mallert, Allen & Fraser Company. Mr. Long then went into business for himself at Evansville, Indiana, where he remained six years and then became associated with his present company. He was located first at Cin-

cinnati and then went out on the road for this company, and in 1907 he accepted the position of superintendent of construction. This office is one of great responsibility and its demands take him all over the country, his inspection covering the territory east of the Mississippi and to the Gulf of Mexico. During his period of residence at Evansville Mr. Long took an active part in politics, but since then he has not concerned himself otherwise than as a citizen who is interested in seeing good government at every point.

On November 6, 1889, Mr. Long was married to Jennie B. Wallace, of Sturgis, Union County, Kentucky, and they have one daughter, Gladys A. Mr. Long has had his home at Akron for the past two years. His offices are in the Hamilton Building.

SAMUEL HARRIS STURGEON, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Akron, and one of the city's active and public-spirited citizens, was born at Oakdale, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1848.

In 1859 the parents of Dr. Sturgeon moved to Ashland County, Ohio, and there he was reared and educated, attending the old Vermillion Institute at Haysville, after which he read medicine with Dr. E. V. Kendig of that place. In 1873 he was graduated from the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati. This was according to the wise will of his father, for had the patriotic youth been permitted to follow out his own plans, the whole course of his life might have been changed. He was only fourteen years old when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, in the 102nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but on account of his father's objections, he returned home, but only to try again, in the 120th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, parental authority a second time preventing his following a military career.

After securing his medical degree, Dr. Sturgeon located, first at Ada, Ohio, where he had already done a little preliminary practicing, and he remained at the point until 1882, when he went to Mansfield, from which place he came to Akron, July 20, 1884, where he has been in continuous practice of medicine and surgery for the past twenty-three years. He is a member of the Eastern Ohio Medical Association and formerly was a member of the Northwestern.

Dr. Sturgeon was married (first) in 1874, to Ella Mowery, who left two sons: John W., residing at Akron; and Paul, residing at Ashland. On June 7, 1900, Dr. Sturgeon was married (second) to Mrs. Laura (Myers) Palmer, who is a daughter of Calvin Myers. Mrs. Palmer had one daughter, Frances, whom Dr. Sturgeon has adopted.

Politically, Dr. Sturgeon is a stanch Republican and he has served as chairman of the Republican County Executive Committee, the only party office he would accept. He has been active all along the line in the interests of good government. Fraternally, he is a Knight Templar Mason and an Elk, and belongs to the clubs of both organizations.

FREDERICK R. POST, secretary and treasurer of the Independent Tack Company, of Cuyahoga Falls, was born at this place, November 20, 1858, and is a son of William M. and Sarah A. (Roberts) Post.

Mr. Post is of Scotch extraction on the paternal side and of Revolutionary stock on the maternal. His grandfather, Russell E. Post, was born in Scotland and emigrated and settled very early in Rhode Island, where he became a paper-maker. He was married December 19, 1826, at New Lebanon Springs, New York, to Julia Ann Foster, who was a daughter of Theodore and Julia (Greene) Foster, the latter of whom was a near relative of the distinguished General Nathaniel Greene, of Rhode Island, of Revolutionary fame. Russell E. Post and wife resided for a short time at Wheeling, West Virginia, and then located at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he died May 25, 1848.

William M. Post, father of Frederick R., was born at Middletown, Connecticut, May 29, 1822, and died June 21, 1882. He accompanied his parents to Cuyahoga Falls, where he followed the trade of paper-making until 1850, when he learned

the cooper's trade. This he followed up to the time of his marriage, in 1855, when he resumed paper-making. For seven years he was in the employ of Hanford & Son, and during this period he purchased a team and hired a driver to do draying for the mills, as his representative. When he left the mills he turned his whole attention to draying, keeping seven teams going. About 1870 he retired from the business owing to the introduction of new methods of handling the raw materials, and he, therefore, made use of his teams in the establishment of a livery stable. During the progress of the Civil War he took advantage of a business opening in the sale of straw for paper manufacturing. In politics he was always a stanch Democrat. Being a man of sterling character, he always enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens and on numerous occasions was elected to local offices.

On May 21, 1855, William M. Post was married to Sarah A. Roberts, a daughter of Thomas Roberts, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Post still resides at Cuyahoga Falls. The children of William M. Post and his wife were as follows: Russell E. and Ida M., both residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Frederick R.; Lillian, who married Walter Astley, residing at Cleveland; William G., who is a quartermaster sergeant in the U. S. Army; Harry R., residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Edwin F., who is engaged in business at Samar, Philippine Islands; and Nellie B., who is a popular teacher in the Akron public schools.

Frederick R. Post was educated in the schools of Cuyahoga Falls, and when he left school became connected with his father in business. At the time of the latter's death he was made administrator of the estate, and after settling it he embarked in a livery business and also a transportation line, having the only regular business of this kind in the town. He thus handles all the freight and express coming or going. For his draying business he keeps thirteen horses and five men are employed in his stables. He was the promoter and organizer of the Independent Tack Company, a well-established industry here, which has the finest tack machines in use and has control of the patents on them. In everything pertaining to the welfare of his town Mr. Post has always taken a deep interest. He has been chief of the Fire Department for several years, being the present incumbent of that office, and has been a member of the organization for the past fourteen years. February 7, 1883, Mr. Post was married to Phoebe Jane Baldwin, who is a daughter of Simon Baldwin, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and they have four children, namely: W. Oliver, A. Edna, Howard B. and Thomas Raymond. Mrs. Post is a member of the Congregational Church. The pleasant family home is situated not far from the Rivet Works. In politics, Mr. Post is a Democrat, but is only active to the extent of good citizenship. He is fraternally associated with the Knights of Pythias and the Maccabees.

BURDETTE L. DODGE, the prosperous and enterprising proprietor of the largest house-furnishing store in Akron, situated in commodious quarters on South Howard Street, was born in 1853, at Penfield, New York. He attended school at Rochester, that state, and completed his education in Akron, to which city he came in 1864. He was afterwards connected with a number of business and mercantile houses in the city, being three years with Hall Brothers, for two years bookkeeper for the Weary-Snyder-Wilcox Company, for six years with the G. C. Berry Company (dry goods), and one year with the Second National Bank. In June, 1879, he entered into the mercantile business for himself, as a partner in the firm of Klinger & Dodge, which continued for eight years, Mr. Klinger then retiring, Mr. George W. Plumer bought out his interest, and the firm thereupon became Dodge & Plumer, under which style the business was continued for twelve years. At the end of that time Mr. Plumer retired and Mr. Dodge became sole owner, which he still remains. He is now in his twenty-sixth year of active mercantile life in this city. He owns and occupies a fine five-

story building on South Howard Street, which, together with portions of the blocks both north and south of him, occupied by him, gives him 40,000 square feet of floor space. His up-to-date stock consists of carpets, rugs, china, and all kinds of house and office furnishings. His trade is very large and gives employment to twenty-five persons.

In addition to this business, Mr. Dodge is and has been connected with other successful enterprises. With Messrs. Klinger, Marble and Shattuck, he organized the Marble & Shattuck Chair Company, of Bedford, severing his connection therewith at the time Mr. Klinger retired from the Akron house. He is a director in the People's Savings Bank Company.

In 1878 Mr. Dodge was married to Nellie M. Snyder, who is a daughter of the late Jacob Snyder. He and his wife are the parents of three children—Ira Jacob, Burdette H. and Grace. The eldest son is a recent graduate of Haverford College, Philadelphia. The second son has been with the B. F. Goodrich Company since returning from Haverford College. The daughter, Grace, was educated at Akron, and at the Woman's College, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Dodge and his family are affiliated with the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADAM KEPLER, a highly esteemed resident and substantial farmer of Franklin Township, who farms a property of 120 acres in Franklin and Green Townships, Summit County, Ohio, was born on his present place, October 28, 1839, son of Jacob A. and Christina (Hushberger) Kepler.

Jacob A. Kepler was born near East Liberty, Ohio, to which place his father, Andrew Kepler, had come from Pennsylvania as a pioneer, and where the latter's death occurred. Jacob A. Kepler grew to manhood on his father's farm, but after his marriage, he removed to a farm on the east side of Turkeyfoot Lake, where he erected a log cabin in the wilderness. Here Mr. Kepler cleared a farm of 200 acres, and this was his home for the remainder of his life, his death occurring when he was in his sixty-second year. Mrs. Kepler survived her husband for a long period, being eighty-one years old at the time of her death. Jacob A. Kepler was married to Christina Hushberger, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and to them were born eight children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: Elizabeth, who is the widow of J. R. Neal; Adam; Sophia, who married H. Swaggert; and Solomon.

Adam Kepler grew up on the home farm and secured his education in the district schools. He has been engaged in farming operations since reaching adult life, and has been successful, now owning 120 acres of the old homestead and the old Sorriek farm, which he has improved in many ways. His land is well cultivated, the farm buildings are in the best of repair, and modern machinery is used all over the property.

In 1861 Mr. Kepler was married to Mary Semler, who came to America from Germany at the age of eight years with her parents, her father, John Semler, settling north of Greensburg, Green Township, Summit County, Ohio. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kepler, as follows: Jacob; Lucetta, who married William Crumerine; Samuel, who married Minnie Troxler; Irving, who died at the age of six years; William; Clement, who married Sarah Foust; Carrie, who married William Peifer; and Percy.

JOSEPH WINUM, grand secretary of the Ohio Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, has been a resident of Akron for a period of thirty-one years, and has been prominently identified with benevolent and philanthropic work in connection with the Catholic Church for a long time. He was born in Germany, in 1860, and was sixteen years of age when he came to America.

Mr. Winum located at once at Akron and began work with John B. Decker, with whom he remained for four years, after which he went into business for himself. From 1880 until 1903, Mr. Winum conducted a private business, closing it up to accept the respon-

sible position he now fills. He takes an active interest in public matters and has served one term in the city council.

On November 9, 1888, Mr. Winum was married to Eugenia M. Knapp, who was born and reared at Akron, and is a daughter of Michael Knapp. They have five children, namely: Laurence M., Marie, Charles J., Virginia and Josephine, all at school, except the eldest, who is a bookkeeper for the B. F. Goodrich Company. The family belong to St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

For the past fifteen years Mr. Winum has been colonel of the Sixth Regiment of the Ohio Knights of St. John. He is district deputy of the Knights of Columbus for the district composed of Summit, Medina, Ashland, Holmes, Wayne, Stark and Portage Counties. Mr. Winum belongs to the Alsace Lorain Benevolent Association, the St. Joseph Benevolent Society and the Verein Thalia Benevolent order. He is a man of high character and is well and favorably known over a wide territory.

JACOB A. REAGLE, township trustee and owner of a very fine farm consisting of 131 1-2 acres, situated in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, was born on his present place, May 11, 1863, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Serfass) Reagle.

Daniel Reagle, father of Jacob A., was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared on his father's farm. In early manhood he came to Ohio and settled in Summit County, where he worked on various farms for some years. He subsequently married a farmer's daughter—Elizabeth Serfass—who was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Andrew Serfass, who came early to this section. Shortly after their marriage, Daniel Reagle and wife went to housekeeping on the farm now owned by their son, Jacob Andrew, a part of which Daniel bought at that time from Andrew Serfass, and in the following year he bought the other half. The land was well cleared, but the only house was a log cabin and Mr. Reagle had to erect new buildings. Daniel Reagle and wife lived on the farm until 1892, when they retired to a pleasant home at Loyal Oak, where Mr. Reagle died in January, 1905, aged seventy-three years. His widow still survives. They had five children, namely: Catherine, who married George Beck; Jane, who married Edward Miksch; Jacob Andrew; Ella, who married A. Houglan; and George, who died young.

Jacob Andrew Reagle was educated in the district schools and the High School at Copley Center, and remained at home with his parents until his marriage, which took place in April, 1891, to Orpha Serfass, who is a daughter of Andrew and Harriet Serfass. They have three children: Grant, Hazel and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Serfass live at Doylestown.

Mr. Reagle has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. His land lies on both sides of the road about eight miles west of Akron, and it is considered one of the best tracts in the township. The beautiful hedge fence which encloses the farm was set out by Mr. Reagle's father. In politics, Mr. Reagle is a Democrat, and on that ticket he was elected township trustee in 1906, making an excellent record as such. He has also served on the school board a number of years, and is considered by his fellow-citizens a reliable and representative man. He belongs to the organization known as the National Protective Legion. In religious belief and connection he is a Lutheran.

JAMES P. BOYD, M. D., a member of the consulting staff of the Akron City Hospital, and a leading physician and surgeon of this city, was born in 1850, at Wimbleton, England, and was brought to America by his parents when four years of age.

The parents of Dr. Boyd settled in Western New York, and he obtained his literary training in the schools of Jamestown, New York, after which he entered the university of Michigan, taking first a course in pharmacy, graduating in 1873, and subsequently a medical course there, and in 1875, graduated in medicine from the Long Island College Hospital, at Brooklyn, New York. After serving

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one year there as an interne, he came to Akron, where, for the past thirty-one years he has been in continuous practice. He is well known all over Summit County. In addition to looking after his many patients, Dr. Boyd has found time to attend to various duties imposed on a good citizen, and he has also contributed more or less regularly to the medical literature of the country. He is a member of the Summit County, the Ohio State and the American Medical Societies and to the Cleveland Academy of Medicine.

In 1879 Dr. Boyd was married to Marie A. Partridge, of Jamestown, New York, and they have three children: James A., who is connected with the Columbus Gas and Fuel Company; and Althea and Marie Antoinette, residing at home. Dr. Boyd and family belong to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Dr. Boyd is a Thirty-second Degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery of Akron, and to Lake Erie Consistory and Alkoran Shrine of Cleveland. He is past master of Akron Lodge, F. & A. M., and is past high priest of Washington Chapter. He belongs to the Masonic and the Portage Country clubs.

EDWIN H. MERRILL, who was one of the first founders of the sewer pipe industry at Akron, which has become one of the largest enterprises of the State, through a long and particularly busy life, was a leader in manufacturies here, in many of which he was the pioneer. He was born February 9, 1808, at Painesville, Ohio. With his father, he learned the potter's trade, and when he came to Springfield Township, he worked until 1835 in the various potteries. He was gifted with the inventive faculty, and when he went into business for himself, in the manufacture of beer bottles, he invented his own machinery. To this industry he later added the manufacturing of tobacco pipes. His ventures proving successful, he sought a larger field, and in 1847 moved to Middlebury and went into partnership with his brother, Calvin J. They inaugurated the manufacture of water-pipes and stone pumps, adding these to their other output. Vitrified sewer pipe was first manufactured about 1851, by the firm of Hill, Merrill & Company, which was succeeded by Merrill, Powers & Company. This was the first factory to turn out sewer pipe in its present form and quality. In 1860 Mr. Merrill removed his pipe, bottle and stoneware plant to the corner of South Main and Center Street, Akron. In 1887 the business was incorporated as the E. H. Merrill Company. During all these years, E. H. Merrill had been the prime mover of the whole enterprise. He died January 25, 1888, aged almost eighty years. In 1838 he married Emily Gleason, and seven children were born to them.

H. E. MERRILL, who has been identified with pottery interests all his mature life, and for forty-seven years has been connected with factory No. 2 of the Robinson Clay Product Company, was born in 1839, in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Edwin H. Merrill, who was a large manufacturer, and was one of the founders of the great sewer pipe industry at Akron.

H. E. Merrill was eight years old when his parents moved to Middlebury, now East Akron, and he was given such educational advantages as the place at that time afforded. Early in youth he began pottery work in his father's factory, and has continued to be interested in this business ever since. In 1860 he was connected with the firm of E. H. Merrill & Company, later the E. H. Merrill Company, which was followed by the Robinson & Merrill Company, and still later by the Robinson Clay Product Company. He owns stock in other companies and is one of the city's substantial and prominent men.

In 1877 Mr. Merrill was married to Arabella Bartges, who died February 26, 1905, aged fifty-nine years. She was a daughter of Dr. S. W. Bartges, a pioneer at Akron. They have two children, George B. and Katharine, the former of whom is employed in the office of Factory No. 2, Robinson Clay Product Company, and the latter of whom married W. W. Pope, who is with the Hall & Harter Company, of Akron.

Mr. Merrill has always been a public-spirited and loyal citizen. In 1864 he enlisted in the 100-day service, entering Company F, 164th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was stationed at Fort Corcoran, near Washington, during that period. He is a member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

WILLIAM H. BLILER, who operates a fine farm of eighty-one acres in Franklin Township, is one of the prominent citizens of this section, and a representative of an old pioneer family. He was born in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, April 3, 1849, and is a son of Joel and Mary (Hower) Bliler.

Daniel Bliler, the grandfather of William H., came by wagon from Pennsylvania to Ohio and settled on the farm which is now the property of the Stumps, clearing the land and building two log houses. His life was spent in hard and useful work, and his death occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Bliler had been twice married, Joel being one of the children of the second union.

Joel Bliler grew up in the woods of Summit County, and spent his younger days on the home farm. Here he was married to Mary Hower, who was a daughter of Jesse Hower, whose father, Adam Hower, had come from New Berlin, Ohio, and entered a section north of Clinton. He died at New Berlin, Ohio, at the age of ninety-three years, having given one-quarter of his section of land to Jesse, the other three-quarters having been sold. Here Jesse Hower erected a sawmill, where was furnished most of the timber used in the locks of the canal. Jesse Hower died on this property three years after locating on it, and forty years prior to the death of his father, his daughter Mary being then a child of four years.

After their marriage, Joel and Mary (Hower) Bliler lived at the home of his father in Franklin Township, near Manchester, but subsequently removed to the property on which William H. Bliler was born, the home of Nathaniel Stump, where the Brewster coal bank is now situated, renting this place for five years. At the end of this time he purchased the present Bliler farm from a Mr. Miller, of Canton, Ohio, and here Joel Bliler died in October, 1880, aged fifty-eight years. His widow, who still survives, makes her home with her son, William H. Bliler.

William H. Bliler received but a scanty education in his boyhood, most of which was spent in hard work on the home farm. He was also employed for six months in laying the tracks of the branch of the C. A. & C. Railroad, when he removed to Norton Township, and there operated two farms on shares for six years. He then returned to Franklin Township, where he conducted a farm near his own on shares for six years, and also the Cox farm for seven years. In 1896 he bought out most of the heirs to his present property, on which he has since continued. Mr. Bliler's success tells its own lesson of the value of perseverance and industry. He is a man who commands the respect of his neighbors, and has a wide circle of personal friends. In the best sense of the word, Mr. Bliler is a self-made man, having fought his way, almost unaided, from the bottom of the ladder.

In August, 1870, Mr. Bliler was married to Amanda Wilson, who is a daughter of Isaac Wilson. Of this union there have been born twelve children, namely: Charles, who died in 1902; Elsie, who married M. High, and died in 1892; Ellie, who married John Summerman; Della, became the wife of George Kepplinger; Milton, who married Luey McCarty; Edward, who lost his life in the Spanish-American War; William, who married Flora Steinbaugh; Newton, Gertrude, Lloyd and Irene, the last mentioned of whom died at the age of seven years; and Dora, who died when one year old.

DAVID D. HOLLINGER, one of the representative farmers of Summit County, Ohio, whose 47-acre farm is located in Franklin Township, was born January 9, 1843, at Man-

chester, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Dailey) Hollinger.

Jacob Hollinger, grandfather of David D., came to Ohio from Pennsylvania with his first wife, and entered the land from the government. Both his wives died in Ohio, and Mr. Hollinger then removed to Indiana, where his death occurred at the home of his eldest daughter, when over seventy years old. He had a large family. Jacob, the father of Hiram, being a child of the first union. His twin brother, Michael, was well known in this section, and died in Michigan, whence he had removed with his family. There was another set of twins, one of whom died young, while the other, Joseph, grew up an invalid, and was given the forty-seven-acres farm now in the possession of David D. Hollinger. This property was held by Joseph Hollinger as long as he lived, and then went to Michael, who later sold it out of the family, but it was later purchased by Jacob Hollinger, brother of David D., the latter of whom acquired it by trade.

Jacob Hollinger, father of David D., was reared on his father's farm, and later bought the old home place, on which he built a brick house. He spent the remainder of his life there, with the exception of a few years on the Judge Hoy farm in Manchester, and was considered the most successful member of the family, having 200 acres in the home tract, 160 acres in Kansas and thirteen acres at Clinton, it all being valued at about $35,000. Mr. Hollinger was married (first) to Barbara Dailey, who was born near Manchester, Ohio, and who was a daughter of Anthony Dailey, one of the pioneers of Summit County. She died when about thirty years of age, having been the mother of the following children: Joseph, Michael, David Dailey, Jacob, Levi, who resides at Barberton; Amanda, who was the wife of Jacob Weyggandt; Hattie, who married L. F. Baker; Josiah, who died at the home of David D.; Uriah, a twin brother of Josiah, and Barbara, all of whom are now deceased, except David D. and Levi. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hollinger was married (second) to a Mrs. Griffiths, who had two children by a former marriage—Samantha and Lucy, the latter of whom married Rev. Kelser, and both are now deceased. Two children were born to Mr. Hollinger and his second wife, namely: Warren, of Clinton, and Minnie, of Akron. Mr. Hollinger lived to the age of fifty-five years, and his second wife survived him for a long period.

David D. Hollinger was taken by his parents to the old home farm when he was but six years of age, and here he grew to manhood, attending the district schools and assisting his father in the field. For a short time he worked around the coal banks, but he finally secured his present farm by trade from his brother, Joseph, and here he has carried on general farming. Mr. Hollinger is a first-class, practical farmer, and uses modern machinery in his work. Under his methods the land produces abundantly.

In April, 1864, Mr. Hollinger was united in marriage with Mary Housman, who was born on the Manchester Road, near the Hollinger home. Her father was Jacob Housman, one of the early settlers of Ohio, to which state he came with his parents from Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger there have been born three children, namely: Walter, who resides at Barberton; Lloyd, who lives at home; and Charles, who lives near his father's place, married Mary Sowers, and has one child, Myron. In politics, Mr. Hollinger is a Republican, and he has always taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. With his family, he belongs to the United Brethren Church.

C. M. HUMPHREY, M. D., physician and surgeon, at Akron, who has been a resident of this city, and engaged in the active practice of his profession since the fall of 1882, was born at Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, December 30, 1858.

Dr. Humphrey was reared at Peninsula, where he attended school, going from there to Oberlin College for a short time and subsequently entering the medical department of the Western Reserve University, where he was

graduated with his degree in 1882. He is a valued member of the Summit County, the Sixth Councilor District and the Ohio State Medical Societies. He enjoys a large practice and is numbered with the able scientific men of this city.

In 1881 Dr. Humphrey was married to Millie M. Crisick, and they have two children: Lionel C. and Gertrude A., the latter residing at home. Lionel C. Humphrey graduated from the Akron High School and spent several years studying art in different colleges and then located in the Rose Building at Cleveland, where he deals in works of art.

Dr. Humphrey is a substantial citizen, and is a stockholder in the Logan Sewer Pipe Works at Logan, Ohio.

HENRY ROBINSON was one of the best-known pioneer business men of Akron, and was the last survivor of one of the honorable old business firms that had added prestige to this city as a manufacturing center. Mr. Robinson was born April 27, 1844, in Fenton, Staffordshire, England, and died at his beautiful home in Akron, September 21, 1906, aged a little over sixty-two years.

Mr. Robinson was four years old when his parents came to America, settling at East Liverpool, Ohio, for a short period, and removing to Akron in 1850. He had the advantage offered by the public schools in the way of education, but in boyhood he began to learn the pottery trade, and with the manufacture of pottery he was concerned through the entire period of his business activity. In 1855 he became associated with his brothers, Thomas and William Robinson, and his brothers-in-law, Richard Whitmore, and J. B. Manton, in the manufacture of Rockingham yellow ware and stoneware, and was later admitted to partnership, being the youngest member of the firm, and the last to pass away. One of a family of six children, he is only survived by a sister, Harriet, widow of the late J. B. Manton.

The manufacturing concern in which Mr. Robinson was interested and in which he accumulated a large fortune, began business as Whitmore, Robinson and Company, with quarters on the corner of East Market Street and Case Avenue. At a later date the firm was merged with the Robinson Clay Product Company, manufacturers of clay products, now operating nine plants, five of which are located at Akron, with another in course of erection, and giving employment to more than 1500 men. Of this large enterprise Henry Robinson was president from its inception, and was the able director of its policies. He was closely identified with a number of the leading industries in other cities, and was connected officially with the Second National Bank of Akron.

On May 22, 1879, Mr. Robinson was married to Mary Cotter Myers. Mrs. Robinson and two children, Elizabeth and Eber, survive.

The death of Mr. Robinson was a distinct loss to his city, for he not only was the assistant founder of a great business, but he also took an active part in forwarding many of the public enterprises for which Akron is known today. Although he never courted the regard of the public eye, his influence was felt in widely varying fields of activity. His charities were so many that their entire scope was known only to himself. He was one of the original benefactors of the Akron City Hospital and he was always foremost in the movements of practical benevolence, which relieved distress in his or other cities. For many years he was an active worker in the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee, and was chairman of the building committee which completed the erection of the present stately edifice.

HON. CHARLES O. HALE, one of the leading citizens of Bath Township, has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests and with public affairs in Summit County ever since reaching his majority. His residence is on his finely improved farm of 200 acres, which is favorably situated about nine miles north of Akron. Mr. Hale was born March 14, 1850, on his present farm, and is a son of Andrew and Jane (Mather)

Hale, and a grandson of Jonathan Hale, who settled in the wilderness in 1810.

Jonathan Hale was born at Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he acquired a farm which he valued at $1,200. This property he traded for 500 acres of wild land in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio. A man by the name of Miller had settled on this land, but as he had obtained no title, Jonathan Hale secured the land and became the first permanent settler by paying Miller for the few improvements he had made. He lived on this tract to the end of his life, dying in 1855, aged seventy-seven years. He was married (first) to Mercy Piper and they had five children, namely: Sophronia, William, Pamelia, Andrew and James M. Jonathan Hale was married (second) to Sarah Mather, who was a widow with three children—George, Jane and Betsey. To this second marriage three more children were born, namely: Jonathan, Mercy and Samuel C.

Andrew Hale was born on the farm above mentioned in 1811 and was the first white child born in Bath Township. He grew up amid pioneer surroundings, developing into a man of worthy character and spending the whole of his life in the home in which he was born. He married Jane Mather, who was the daughter of his step-mother by her first marriage. She still survives and resides on the homestead farm with her son, Charles O., having reached the age of eighty-six years. She has seen wonderful development of all this section, having come here in girlhood. Andrew Hale died in July, 1884, and is survived, not only by his widow, but also by all of their six children, as follows: Pamelia L., who is the widow of William C. Ovatt; Sophronia J., who is the wife of S. J. Ritchie; Clara, who is the widow of L. H. Ashmun; Charles O.; Alida, who married T. Humphrey; and John P.

Charles O. Hale obtained his primary education in the district schools and then became a student at Richfield, Oberlin and Hudson, completing his education at Oberlin College in 1870. He then returned home and managed the farm until the death of his father, when he came into possession of a part of it. Here he has given attention to farming and fruit-growing and is also interested in sugar-making, having one of the best equipped sugar camps in the state, including some twenty acres.

Mr. Hale has been one of the leading Republicans of this section of Summit County for many years and has served in a number of the township offices. In 1891 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, in which he served two terms, during the four years proving himself a faithful and efficient public servant.

On May 20, 1875, Mr. Hale was married to Pauline Cranz, an accomplished lady who was then a popular teacher in the Akron public schools. She is a daughter of William F. and Mary (Drushal) Cranz. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are members of the Congregational Church, in which he is a deacon.

EMIL GAMMETER, one of Akron's prominent business men, is a member of the firm of Schumacher & Gammeter, the city's leading tea, coffee, spice and china firm, was born in Switzerland, in 1866, and was brought to Akron in infancy, where he was reared and educated.

When he left school while yet in boyhood, Mr. Gammeter worked for a short time with the Diamond Match Company and later with the Werner Printing Company. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and remained seven years, after which he spent three years on the road representing the National Biscuit Company, in the meantime considering plans to enter into business on his own account. These were brought to a satisfactory focus in 1890, when, in association with Mr. Schumacher, he bought out the Laidlaw Brothers and established the firm of Schumacher and Gammeter. This firm deals both wholesale and retail, handling teas, coffees, spices and china, and an extensive business is done in roasting coffees, the plant having a capacity for roasting 12,000 pounds of the fragrant berry weekly. Quite a large amount of business is also done

in roasting peanuts. In additon to carefully looking after the interests of this business, Mr. Gammeter occupies the position and performs the duties of treasurer of the Black Drug and Chemical Company.

In 1890 Mr. Gammeter was married to Louiettie L. Black, who is a native of Akron, and they have two daughters, Muriel and Constance.

Mr. Gammeter takes an active interest in civic affairs. For two years he served ably as president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, and during this time he gave freely of time and money for the purpose of advancing the city's interests. He is a worthy representative of the high standard of business integrity which the leading men of Akron strive to maintain.

WAYLAND S. HOUGH, M. D., physician and surgeon, at Cuyahoga Falls, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest physician in practice at this place, his location here dating back to 1876. Dr. Hough was born at Atwater, Portage County, Ohio, April 3, 1844, and is a son of Joel J. and Mary (Linn) Hough.

Dr. Hough belongs to an old colonial family which was established in Portage County prior to 1821 by his grandfather, Bazalia Hough, who came from New York and engaged there in agriculture. He lived to be eighty-three years old. Joel J. Hough, father of Dr. Hough, was born in Portage County, Ohio, in 1821, and died there at the age of fifty-four years. He was a merchant for many years, but during the latter part of his life was a druggist. His politics identified him with the Republican party and fraternally he was a Mason. He married Mary Linn, whose father was born in Ireland. Their children were: Wayland S., subject of this sketch; Lodema, who married John Holmes, of Huntington, Indiana; William, who is deceased; John, residing in Chicago; and Mary, who married Mund Card, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Dr. Hough's boyhood was passed in attending the common schools and the Atwater Academy, after which he learned the potter's trade. This he followed until he enlisted for service in the Civil War, in October, 1861, entering Battery D., First Ohio Regiment of Light Artillery. He served three years and two months, being honorably discharged at Columbus, October 17, 1864. During twenty months of this time he served as hospital steward. Following his army service, Mr. Hough entered the Charity Hospital Medical College, which now bears the name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was graduated in 1866. For a period of ten years he practiced his profession at Mogadore, and then came to Cuyahoga Falls, where he has continued in practice ever since. He has been more or less identified with the development of this place into the prosperous center it now is.

Dr. Hough was married (first) June 13, 1867, to Annie Elizabeth Golby, who was a daughter of William and Mary Golby, natives of England, who came to Cleveland, Ohio, in the winter of 1855-6. Mrs. Hough died July 6, 1899, leaving one son, William Condie, who was born in 1869. On October 17, 1900, Dr. Hough was married (second) to Sarah Johnson.

Politically, Dr. Hough has never been very active, but he has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is past commander of Crane Post at Mogadore, and is now a member of Eddy Post, at Cuyahoga Falls. He belongs to Star Lodge, No. 187, F. & A. M., in which he served four years as master, and he is past grand of Howard Lodge, I. O. O. F.

For four years Dr. Hough was trustee of of the Cleveland State Hospital under President McKinley's administration, and for the past twenty years he has been company surgeon at this place of the B. & O. R. R., and is serving as such at present.

JACOB W. BENNAGE, a substantial business man of Bath Township, proprietor of the well known Bennage sawmill, was born in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Mary (Whitted) Bennage

Jacob Bennage, grandfather of Jacob W., came to Middlebury, now East Akron, Ohio, from Union County, Pennsylvania, and for many years conducted a pottery, but later purchased a farm and moved to Bath Township, where he died. His son, John Bennage, was a young man when the family came from Union County, Pennsylvania, and like his father he died in Bath Township. His wife, who was a native of North Carolina, died in Akron.

Jacob W. Bennage was reared in Bath Township, and on attaining his majority removed to California, where he lived for four years, engaged in threshing and hay baling. On his return to Bath Township he embarked in the lumber and sawmill business, and this he has continued to the present time, in April, 1907, opening his present mill, in which are employed eight men. Formerly Mr. Bennage operated two mills, when he employed about thirty assistants. Mr. Bennage has purchased several farms for their timber, which, after clearing, he sold; and from 1899 until 1905 he lived in Akron, where he was successfully engaged in the lumber business.

Mr. Bennage was married, first, to Emma Alman, who is now deceased, and they had one child: Elvin. His second marriage was to Nellie Chase, and to this union there have been born two children: George and Margery.

ALBERT J. BREWSTER, who has been associated with the Buckeye Sewer Pipe Company ever since he has been in business, was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1871, and is a son of James G. Brewster, a leading citizen of this section.

Albert J. Brewster was educated in the public schools and at Buchtel College, following which he took a course in bookkeeping and stenography, immediately afterward entering the offices of the Buckeye Sewer Pipe Company. He has numerous other interests of a business nature, being a stockholder in several of the leading industrial concerns of Summit County.

In 1890, Mr. Brewster was married to J. Evelyn Barder, who was born at Akron, Ohio, and they have four children, namely: Albert J., Evan Barder, Jane Elizabeth and Marian.

Mr. Brewster is connected with a number of fraternal and social organizations. He is active also in giving support to movements of public importance to his city and section, and takes an interest in all matters pertaining to good citizenship.

WILLIAM A. JOCKERS, a general farmer, in Boston Township, was born in the house in which he lives, August 4, 1873, and belongs to an old German family that once owned vast estates in Germany, which, in case litigation now going on should prove favorable, may be restored to the present generation.

The father of Mr. Jockers was born in Baden, Germany, and died October 31, 1899, in Boston Township, aged seventy-two years. He came to America when seventeen years old and carried a peddler's pack for a period of eighteen months after landing in the United States. He spent four months at Buffalo and the rest of the time until 1879, at Cleveland and in its vicinity, and then came to Boston Township and settled on the farm now the property of his son, William A. He learned brick-making at Cleveland and later engaged in a business in this line for himself, giving employment to twenty men and turning out a fine quality of finished brick. He furnished the brick for many buildings, including that used in the erection of the White Sewing Machine Building, at Cleveland. Prior to coming to Boston Township he sold his brick business, purchasing 104 acres when he came to this section, eleven of which he sold. He identified himself with the Republican party and for several years while in Cleveland, served in the city council and also belonged to the fire department, in its early days. He married a second cousin, Margaret Jockers, who was brought to America from Germany when one year and six months old. She died on her birthday, August 6, 1899, aged sixty-six years. Of their eleven chil-

dren, five grew to maturity, namely: John, residing in Boston Township; Mary, who married Nelson Wood; Libbie, who married (first) George Herman, and (second) Calvin Hill, residing at Cleveland; Hattie, who married (first) George Curtiss, and (second) John Boughton; and William A.

William A. Jockers obtained his education in the common schools. His life has been an agricultural one, and when his father's estate was divided, he received eighty-six acres. On his excellent farm he raises hay, corn, wheat, oats and potatoes, the latter crop always doing well and producing so that he is able to sell 300 bushels. He usually keeps about nine head of cattle.

Mr. Jockers married Annie Woda, a daughter of John Woda, of Breckville, and they have three children: Florence Mary, Margery Anna and William Ralph.

Mr. Jockers is a very intelligent, thoughtful man and he has given a great deal of calm consideration to public questions. In local matters he exercises his judgment as to what candidate shall receive his vote, but in national affairs, he inclines toward the Socialist party as offering a clearer solution of the great problems of the country than does any of the others.

FREDERICK N. SHAFFER, one of Akron's substantial citizens and honorable business men, is the junior member of the firm of Christy & Shaffer, leading dealers in saddlery, shoe findings and hides, both wholesale and retail, with quarters at No. 142 South Howard street. Mr. Shaffer was born at Western Star, Medina County, Ohio, in 1867.

Mr. Shaffer's life until the age of twenty years, was spent on the home farm and in attending the country schools. He then went to Akron, where he secured work with W. C. Kittleberger and thoroughly learned the harness and saddlery business and remained for twelve years. In 1899, he became a member of the present firm, then under the style of James Christy, Jr., & Company, a change in name later taking place, and this connection has lasted until the present. Mr. Shaffer has grown up in the business, learning all its practical details and has its management well in hand. The firm does a large local business and keeps one representative on the road.

In 1889, Mr. Shaffer was married to Elta M. Eberhard, of Western Star, and they have three children: Grace M., Raymond C. and Gladys E.

Mr. Shaffer is a stockholder and a director in the Dime Savings Bank and a stockholder and director in the Aladdin Rubber Company. As a good citizen, he has other interests, of more or less importance, connected with civic advancement and public-spirited enterprises.

JOHN BUCHTEL was one of the early residents of Summit County, accompanying his parents to the neighborhood of Coventry as early as 1830. He was born in Myers Township, Center County, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1797, and was a son of Peter Buchtel.

His parents located first in Stark County, Ohio, later in Green Township, and still later in Coventry Township, Summit County, this being about 1818. The country was then a wild region, with only here and there a cabin erected by some courageous settler near the banks of a stream. Peter Buchtel was a pioneer of the old type and died at Tremont, Ohio.

John Buchtel's early years were filled with the hard labor incident to clearing up a pioneer farm. He was married in Green township, January 18, 1821, to Catherine Richards, and they had five children, three daughters and two sons. The family was partly reared in the log cabin in which John Buchtel and wife commenced housekeeping. After thirteen years of residence in Green township, Mr. Buchtel sold his farm there and bought another, in Coventry Township, on which he resided for forty-one years. In 1875, Mr. Buchtel gave up all active pursuits and with his wife removed to a small farm just north of Akron, where Mrs. Buchtel died in 1882, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Buchtel then retired to the home of his son, Hon. William Buchtel, where he died at the remarkable age

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of ninety-seven years and two months. For more than a half century he was a consistent member of the Evangelical Church. From the period of the Civil War, he had been an earnest supporter of the Republican party.

ALBERT A. KOHLER, M.D., one of the leading professional men of Akron, of which city he has been a resident since 1870, was born September 12, 1863, in Snyder County, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Andrew and Sarah (Fisher) Kohler, who came to Akron in 1870. Andrew Kohler here followed his trade as a millwright until 1881. He then engaged in a grocery business, conducting it until his death, which took place December 31, 1885. He was a man of good standing in the world of trade and a valued citizen of Akron. He served as a member of the City Council, taking an active part in the management of civic affairs. In religion he was a Lutheran, fraternally a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He married Sarah Fisher, who also was a native of Pennsylvania, and their family consisted of seven children, namely: Charles F., who is engaged in business at Wabash, Indiana; Margaret, who married F. L. Deibolt and resides in Cleveland; John, who is engaged in mining in Nevada; William, who is deceased; Albert A., whose name begins this article; Warren A., a business man of Leesburg, Indiana; and James L., who is in the grocery trade at Cleveland, Ohio.

Albert A. Kohler acquired his literary education in the public schools and at Buchtel College, graduating from the latter institution in 1887. While in Buchtel College he became a member of the Greek letter fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. He began the study of medicine under Dr. Thomas Ebright, and in the fall of 1887 entered the medical department of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, where he was graduated in 1890. He immediately located in Akron, where he has become a successful and prominent physician and surgeon. His offices are at No. 608 and 610 Hamilton Building.

Politically Dr. Kohler is a Democrat, and from 1890 until 1894 he served as health officer of Akron. After a lapse of six years he was reappointed in 1900, and has filled that office continuously since. He is a member of the Summit County Medical, the Sixth Consular District, Ohio State, and the American Medical Societies, and he also belongs to all the Masonic bodies up to and including the Commandery at Akron and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a member of McPherson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Akron. Dr. Kohler was married, November 27, 1894, to Alice C. Slade, a daughter of William H. Slade of Columbus, Ohio. Their pleasant home is at No. 703 South Union Street.

TODD CHARLES FOSTER, one of Boston Township's most substantial farmers, owns an estate of 308 acres, and belongs to an honored old pioneer family of this section. Mr. Foster was born September 28, 1861, in Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Edwin Francis and Elizabeth (Deiceman) Foster.

Pardon Foster, the paternal grandfather, was born in the State of New York, where he grew to manhood and before leaving home to better his fortunes, learned the trade of cabinet-making and carpentering which included a knowledge of ship building. In 1831, he came to Boston Township, where he constructed the first canal boat that ever went down the waters of the Ohio Canal. This boat was followed by the building of many others. When he gave up this work he retired to a farm he had purchased near Brandywine, in Boston Township, where he lived to the unusual age of ninety-two years. He married Nancy Coulson, whose age exceeded his by four years. They were the parents of a large and robust family and their descendants have inherited in large degree, the health which accrued to them through clean, temperate and virtuous living.

Edwin Francis Foster was nine years old when he accompanied his parents to Boston Township. He was afforded the best educa-

tional advantages to be secured in the territory in which his home was located and through a thorough course of study, became a qualified civil engineer. For a long period he taught school in Northfield and Bedford Townships, and was also a competent teacher of vocal music. After his marriage, when twenty-seven years of age, he engaged in farming, in Boston Township and carried on agricultural pursuits until the close of his life, which came in 1903, when he was eighty-one years of age. He was a natural mechanic and the use of tools came to him without instruction. It was a pleasure to him, even in advanced age, to be called on to fashion some domestic utensil or to repair some damage. The task would be done in a manner creditable to an instructed workman.

Mr. Foster left two fine farms to his family, aggregating 400 acres, one of these he held rented and on the other he cultivated the natural products of this climate. In his early political views he was an Abolitionist and Whig and immediately identified himself with the Republican party on its formation. Until the end of his life he retained his vigor of mind and was a great reader, keeping himself thoroughly posted on all public matters and discussing these questions with a thorough knowledge of the principles involved.

In 1846, Edwin Francis Foster married Elizabeth Deiceman, one of the pupils attending his school. She was a maiden of seventeen years at that time, a cherished daughter of William Deiceman, of Northfield Township. She died in 1881, aged fifty-two years. Of the ten children born to this union, six reached mature years, namely: Coulson, residing in Hudson Township; James, who is deceased; Amelia, who married Robert Miller, residing in Portage County; Nancy, who married Hiram Mowen, had one daughter, Ethel; Todd C., residing in Boston Township; Grant, residing in Northfield Township; and Henry, residing in Bedford Township. The parents of this family were worthy members of the United Brethren Church and reared their children as became Christian people.

Todd Charles Foster was reared in his native township and attended school in the brick school-house in Boston. He remained with his father, assisting on the home farm, until he was twenty-one years old and for the next seven years followed various occupations, engaging in farming and teaming and also worked one year at plumbing, in the meanwhile picking up valuable information along many lines, a great deal of which he has practically applied since taking charge of his present large property. During the above-named period, Mr. Foster was receiving excellent wages for his work and was providently saving them, and when he was able to secure his present estate, in 1889, he was prepared to invest $1,000, in the same. This payment of capital left him with just $15, and, as he adds, "a shovel, an axe and a hoe." Mr. Foster does not add, as he well might, that he had other equipments, including the habit of frugality, an enterprising and industrious spirit and a natural endowment of judgment and common sense.

When Mr. Foster came here he purchased 108 acres, which had an unfinished house standing on it. This house he completed himself, even doing the painting, rooming off and plastering. The other substantial buildings which give his place such an air of completeness and thrift, were either totally built by him or entirely remodeled. We have no record of Mr. Foster learning the carpenter trade, but he is evidently one in skill, as a number of the farm buildings give testimonial. He is an adept in all kinds of mechanical work and is independent of the wagonmaker and the blacksmith, having his own workshop, which he built himself, where all kinds of tools are kept, and where Mr. Foster may generally be found in the inclement weather when farm work cannot be successfully carried on. He is so busy and interested that fair or foul, he finds no time hang heavily on his hands.

Subsequently, Mr. Foster added 128 acres to his first purchase, and all his land is made to return its full value. In looking over even his ploughed fields, no stones or noxious weeds can be found, only the mellow soil

which responds to his careful, scientific cultivation. He raises crops of all the cereals, wheat, oats and corn, a large amount of hay and many potatoes. He supplies a large amount of the milk sent to Cleveland, from his neighborhood, and also feeds considerable young stock. Mr. Foster has found it profitable to make a specialty of raising turkeys and sells his choice birds for breeding purposes at $5.00 apiece. He has some five head of horses for the farm work. Mr. Foster has every reason to take pride in his beautiful estate, his stock and machinery, having the consciousness of having earned them all through his own energy and enterprise. Before leaving the subject of this fine farm, mention must also be made of his two apple orchards, his 300-tree pear orchard, and his plum orchard. There are berries of all kinds grown in great quantities and beside marketing bushels of the same, in 1906, his capable wife used 800 pounds of sugar in preserving the remainder.

On December 19, 1889, Mr. Foster was married to Jessie B. McGee, who is a daughter of William and Marjorie (Martin) McGee, who was born December 6, 1865. Her grandfather, William McGee accompanied his parents from Ireland when a boy of nine years, and lived into old age, in Lawrence township, Washington County, Ohio. There the father of Mrs. Foster was born, and died March 19, 1871, on his thirty-fourth birthday. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the Thirty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He married Marjorie, daughter of John Martin, and Mrs. Foster was the eldest of their three children. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have had eight children, seven of whom survive, namely: Anna Elizabeth, born March 19, 1892; Charles E., born March 26, 1895; George William, born August 23, 1898; Nellie Marjorie, born October 25, 1901; Lottie May, born August 8, 1903; Harvey John, born November 16, 1905; and Alice Ethel, the pet of the family, born June 13, 1907. The eldest daughter may be regarded as an exceptionally bright young lady. She graduated from the grammar school when but sixteen years of age, having a high average in all her studies. Mr. Foster is giving his children every educational and social advantage in his power and there is great promise of their developing into the the finest specimens of manhood and womanhood.

Politically, Mr. Foster is identified with the Republican party and he has served as supervisor of the roads in Boston Township but he is no seeker for office. His aim is to be a good citizen and with this in view, he gives attention to public matters and casts his ballots intelligently.

MICHAEL and JAMES CONWAY, brothers, and prominent farmers of Boston Township, are the sons of John Conway, who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1819, and died in Boston Township, in the fall of 1881, aged sixty-two years.

John Conway was reared on a small farm in his native land and came to America in 1848, bringing his wife and an infant daughter, Catherine, who lived to the age of twenty-six years. The Conway family settled first at Fall River, Massachusetts, where John Conway worked for three years in a foundry, coming from there to Hudson, Ohio, where he worked for three more years, in a cheese factory. In 1860, he bought the Richardson farm in Northampton Township, 174 acres, on which he lived for eighteen years, and then purchased the John Douds farm of 262 acres, situated in Boston Township. Here he carried on general farming and dairying, and before any cheese factory had been established in his neighborhood, made a great deal of fine cheese on the farm. He was a very industrious man and a good manager. In politics, he was a Democrat.

John Conway married Julia Martin, in Ireland, where she was born in 1827, and is a daughter of Michael and Catherine Martin. She resides with her sons and is a well-preserved lady, one who takes part in the domestic life in the home and enjoys social intercourse. She is a consistent member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Hudson. Of the

twelve children born to this marriage, six reached maturity, as follows: Catherine, above mentioned; Walter, residing on the homestead in Northampton Township; Michael, residing on the Boston Township farm, was born at Fall River, Massachusetts, November 14, 1852; James, associated with his brother Michael, was born at Hudson, Ohio, in June, 1855; Mary, who married Lawrence Sullivan, residing in Boston Township; and John, residing at Moundsville, West Virginia.

Michael and James Conway have remained on the present farm ever since their late father purchased it. They cultivate about seventy acres, carrying on mixed farming and grow hay, corn, wheat and oats. They have a fine silo, with dimensions of 16 x 30 x 30 feet. Their apple orchard of 150 trees produces abundantly. They also do a large business in dairying. The new railroad cut through this section took off nineteen and one-half acres from the farm, necessitating the removal of the house and barn to a new location and the drilling of a new well. The property is a valuable one and the brothers have it under a fine state of cultivation.

The Conway brothers are both identified with the Democratic party but are inclined to do considerable thinking on public matters for themselves. Both are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. They are good citizens and men who enjoy the respect and confidence of their fellow-men.

J. F. HEMINGTON, of The Hemington Company, dealers in furniture, carpets and stoves, has been a resident of this city for sixteen years and stands very high among its leading business men. He was born in 1869, at Madison, Ohio, but was taken in childhood to West Richfield, Summit County, where he was reared and educated.

When seventeen years old, Mr. Hemington came to Akron, and for a number of years following was interested in a meat business, first, for three years, on the corner of Spruce and Exchange streets, in this city, later at Lincoln, Nebraska, for one year, at Hudson, Ohio, for one year and again at Akron, for eight months. He then entered the employ of L. A. Barmore, on Main street, who was the pioneer furniture man here, with whom he continued for eight years. Removal was then made to Howard street and Mr. Barmore was succeeded by the Kirk Company, Mr. Hemington becoming vice president and general manager of the new organization. After four years and nine months, he sold his interest and for one season he was out on the road as traveling salesman. Being recalled on account of the precarious state of his father's health, he gave up his position and cared for his aged parent until the latter's death. Mr. Hemington then engaged in a carpet, furniture and stove business at No. 356 South Main street, for one year, removing then to his present location at No. 72 South Howard street. He carries a large and well chosen stock and does a good business.

In 1890, Mr. Hemington was married to Mellie C. Knepper, of Beach City, Ohio, and they have two daughters: Freda Catherine and Nellie Winnifred. Mr. Hemington is a member of the First Disciples Church. Fraternally, he is a Knight Templar Mason, and he belongs to the Protected Home Circle.

WILLIAM H. ROOK, mechanical engineer for the American Sewer Pipe Company, at Akron, was born January 8, 1866, at Mecca, Trumbull County, Ohio, and accompanied his parents to Akron in childhood.

William H. Rook bears his father's name. The latter was born at Boston, Massachusetts. During his active years he worked as a machinist and now lives practically retired, at Akron.

William H. Rook, Jr., has been a resident of this busy and beautiful city for a period covering thirty-seven years, almost his whole lifetime. After finishing school, he entered the machine shops of Taplin & Rice, where he learned the trade, showing a particular aptitude for the same, and remained with that concern for some twenty years. Since severing his relations with the above firm, he has been connected with the American Sewer Pipe Company in his present capacity. He is a

stockholder in several of Akron's leading enterprises, and belongs to that body of progressive and enterprising young business men who have had much to do with the developing of this city along manufacturing lines.

Mr. Rook is identified with both the lower and the higher branches of the Odd Fellow's fraternity.

GEORGE WELLINGTON DICKINSON, general farmer, residing on his finely-cultivated, well-improved estate, which contains 138 acres, 100 of which he has under the plow, is one of the sterling citizens of this part of Summit County. He was born in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 5, 1849, and is a son of Alexander and Harriet (Faylor) Dickinson.

In the days of the great-grandfather, the name was spelled Dickerson and the family lived on Long Island and was driven from there by the British during the Revolutionary War. The name of the great-great-grandmother was Mary Hamilton, who was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland. Their son, John Dickerson, was born August 20, 1782, at Millville, Connecticut, and was five years old when his mother died. Later, he went into partnership with an associate, in the shoe business, at Charleston, South Carolina. He had married Sabrina Cone, who was born at Middletown, Connecticut, January 19, 1778, and died in Northampton Township, Summit County, January 25, 1862. Her father was an officer in the Revolution War. It was the intention of John Dickerson to send for his family to join him but the only message ever received was that he had been drowned.

After satisfying herself that her husband no longer lived, the widow of John Dickerson went to New York. On September 15, 1834, her son, William Dickerson, the grandfather of George W. Dickerson, left Watson, New York, for Ohio, and after many adventures through stormy weather on Lake Erie, reached Fairport. He was accompanied by his family and there secured a wagon and drove to the home of William Coleman, at Shalersville. The family remained with this hospitable family for a week and then came on to Northampton Township, their son Riley at that time owning a place near Northampton Center.

Alexander Dickerson, son of William and father of George W., was born at Watson, New York, May 1, 1828, and died May 3, 1902. He followed agricultural pursuits all his active life. He married Harriet Faylor, who was born in Brimfield Township, Portage County, Ohio, October 15, 1827, and died July 7, 1904. Of their seven children, five grew up, namely: George Wellington; Hemon, residing in Stow Township; Mary Jane, who is the widow of Calvin Hunt, residing in Boston Township; Edwin Riley, residing in Boston Township; and Julia, who married Charles Trumphour, residing in Northampton Township. The parents of this family were good, worthy, virtuous people, who were valued members of the Disciples Church.

George W. Dickinson remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he rented a farm in Boston Township, which he operated for a year, and then worked as a teamster for a railroad company and also for an uncle, for several years. After his marriage, in 1872, he bought his first farm in Boston Township, which he retained for three years, and in 1878, he came to his present place. In partnership with his brother Heman, he invested in 300 acres, which they later divided. Mr. Dickinson raises hay, wheat, corn and oats and markets a part of each crop. He keeps ten head of cattle, thirty head of sheep and four horses. His farm is one good to see, its perfect order and careful state of cultivation satisfying even the eye of the stranger. Mr. Dickinson has met with some misfortune, having lost a large amount in 1884, when his barn with forty-eight head of cattle, six horses and all its other contents were destroyed by fire. In 1891, he put up his present substantial barn building, with dimensions of 40 by 68 feet, with eighteen-foot posts. In 1905 he built his tool house, a snug little structure 20 by 40 feet, wherein everything has its proper place. In 1881, the comfortable and attractive thir-

teen-room residence was erected. Mr. Dickinson has the reputation of being one of the most progressive farmers of the township, one who believes in the use of improved machinery and the adoption of sensible, modern methods of agriculture.

On December 7, 1872, Mr. Dickinson was married to Alice Enos, who was born December 19, 1853, at Syracuse, New York. From the age of two years to eleven, she lived in Michigan, and in 1870, she came to Boston Township. She is a lady of education and refinement. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have four children: Nellie, who married Park Knapp, residing at Ravenna; Arthur, residing at home; Jessie, who married Ernest Cargould; and Alice. The family belong to the Disciples Church. Politically, Mr. Dickinson is a Republican.

ALFRED E. McKISSON, trustee of Richfield Township, resides on his valuable farm of fifty-two acres, which he devotes to general agriculture, and also operates considerable adjacent land which he has rented for a number of years.. Mr. McKisson was born in Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, January 29, 1859. His parents were Arthur and Jane (Kettlewell) McKisson.

Arthur McKisson was born in Northfield Township, Summit County, May 29, 1831. His educational opportunities were very limited, as his father died when he was young, and he was early called on to assist his half-brother, James, to clear the farm. When he was seventeen years of age he went to work for Lucian Bliss, of Northfield, and continued in the lumbering business for fifteen years. In 1871 he engaged in farming and dairying, renting land for the purpose near Brecksville, five years later moving to Twinsburg, and later to Richfield, in the latter place working again at lumbering for five years, as foreman, for C. L. Newell. He also worked four years as foreman for Ralph Farnum, in the same industry. Prior to retiring from business activity, he operated the Newell Brothers' farm, at Brecksville. During the early part of the Civil War he endeavored three different times to pass muster and become a soldier in defense of the Union, but he was rejected. He is past overseer of the Summit County Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

On February 22, 1854, Mr. McKisson was married to Jane Kettlewell, who is a daughter of James and Elizabeth Kettlewell. Mrs. McKisson was born in England, May 10, 1832, and was an infant when she was brought to America. Of the eight children born to the above marriage, six survive, namely: William J., residing at Brecksville, Ohio; Alfred E.; Annie, who married Witt Fonts, residing in Stark County; Francis, residing at Macedonia; Jennie, who is the widow of Robert Mitchell, residing in Richfield; and Horatio S., residing at La Grange, Ohio.

The McKissons are Maryland people and the great-grandfather, Samuel McKisson, as well as the grandfather, also Samuel McKisson, were both born in that State. Grandfather McKisson served in the War of 1812. For his second wife he married Susanna Boerntrigger, who was the mother of Arthur McKisson, and the grandmother of Alfred E.

Alfred E. McKisson attended the schools of Northfield Township until the age of thirteen years, when he started out to make his own way in the world, a courageous thing for a boy of his years to attempt. He found work with neighboring farmers and was employed by the month until 1880, when he was prepared to buy his present farm. For a number of years he has rented the Lockert farm of 115 acres, which adjoins his own. He keeps on an average, twenty-five head of cattle and cultivates the land not needed for pasturage, about eighty acres, raising mainly wheat and potatoes. Mr. McKisson still finds profit in growing sheep, keeping some forty head. His milk all goes to Cleveland. He has a fine apple orchard of three acres, which he also considers a paying investment. He is an industrious man, a careful and intelligent farmer, and is prospering.

Mr. McKisson married Elizabeth R. Edgell, of Richfield Township, and they have three children: Roy E., Lillie and Bessie.

Politically, Mr. McKisson is identified with the Republican party and is somewhat active, on numerous occasions having been sent as a delegate to various important conventions. He is serving in his first term as township trustee, and for a long period he has been a member of the township School Board. He is much interested in everything looking to the advancement of the agricultural welfare of this section and long ago united with the Richfield Grange. He is past grand of Chippewa Lodge, No. 675, Odd Fellows, at Brecksville.

WILLIAM N. WOOD, general farmer in Boston Township, residing on a valuable estate of 332 acres, 150 of which are under cultivation, was born in Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, July 11, 1862, and is the only son of Thomas and Julia (Wetmore) Wood.

Thomas Wood, than whom there was no more highly considered citizen of Boston Township, at the time of his death, in 1900, aged seventy-two years, was born in Ireland, and was seven years of age when his parents brought him to America. The family lived at Sheboygan, Michigan, until he was about twelve years of age, when they came to Boston Township, where the grandfather of William N. Wood worked in a mill. Thomas Wood learned to build canal boats and engaged in the business on his own account for some years, from which he embarked in a lumber business, which he continued for forty years. He possessed great business enterprise, operated two or three sawmills, bought standing timber and cut it, and acquired timber land both in Boston and Northampton Townships, at one time owning for one mile along the Cuyahoga River. He was held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. He was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 266, F. & A. M., of Richfield. He married Julia Wetmore, who resides at Peninsula since her widowhood. She was born at Silver Lake, in Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, where her father, Hon. William Wetmore, was one of the early settlers.

William N. Wood attended school at Peninsula until he was eleven years of age. He was a boy of unusual brightness of mind, and, inspired with a desire to travel, he left home without asking his parents' consent, rightly judging that it would be withheld, and made his way to Chicago. His smiling face and engaging personality enabled him, with no previous experience of city life, to secure a position as bellboy in the *Palmer House*. He was so obliging and attentive to guests of that somewhat famous hostelry, that his tips from the capitalists who frequently make it their home, were so generous during his stay of four months, that he had enough money with which to buy a horse, on which he started back home, which he reached in safety, having paused at several points on the way to trade horses with other travelers. After this little excursion into the world, the youth quietly attended school until he was fifteen years of age and then worked several years for his father, driving a team, having always been fond of horses. He purchased a team of his own and continued to use it in his father's lumber business, until 1897, when he turned his attention more especially to speeding horses. For some years he owned and took an interest in racing many fast horses in different classes, traveling over considerable territory and becoming well known in the sporting world. In the meanwhile, the home farm was under rental, with the exception of several years when Mr. Wood conducted operations on it, but for the past five years it has been under his careful and successful supervision. He keeps about forty head of cattle, selling his milk to the Peninsula Creamery, and raises hay, corn, oats and wheat. He feeds all but his wheat.

Mr. Wood married Olive Lee, who is a daughter of Edward Lee, of Richfield Township. They have one son, Thomas H. Mrs. Wood is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Peninsula.

Mr. Wood votes with the Republican party in National affairs, but independently in local matters. Mr. Wood's genial personality, open hospitality and his many sterling qualities of

mind and heart, have won him a wide circle of warm friends wherever he has been.

HENRY BLACKWELL, the efficient superintendent of Factory No. 1, of the Robinson Clay Product Company, at Akron, came to this city in 1873, when fifteen years of age, having been born in England, in 1858.

Ever since locating at Akron, Mr. Blackwell has been identified with pottery interests, first entering the pottery works of Spafford & Richardson, of East Akron, and continuing with the firm of Cook and Richardson, and later with Cook & Fairbanks. For the following twelve years, Mr. Blackwell was with the F. H. Weeks Company, and for the past twelve years he has been in charge of Factory No. 1 of the Robinson Clay Product Company. From his years of practical experience, Mr. Blackwell has become thoroughly efficient in the position to which his knowledge and abilities have advanced him, and the products of this factory continue to meet the high grade of excellence which long since made the name of this great manufacturing house one of importance in the pottery world.

In 1881, Mr. Blackwell was married to Emma Richards, of Akron, and they have one son, Edmund R., who has been afforded the best educational advantages Akron has to offer. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell belong to the First Presbyterian Church of Akron.

GEORGE P. HOFFMAN, part proprietor of the Excelda Stone Company, general contractors at Akron, and dealers in and manufacturers of all kinds of plain and ornamental cement stone, is a leading business man of this city. Mr. Hoffman was born at Akron in 1872, and is a son of B. F. Hoffman.

The father of Mr. Hoffman was born at Manchester, Ohio, and now resides in Portage Township, Summit County, of which he is a trustee. After working for a quarter of a century in the Buckeye shops as a blacksmith, he retired to his farm.

George P. Hoffman attended school at Akron and in youth learned the plumber's trade at which he worked for twelve years. In 1903, in association with I. S. Myers, the present county treasurer, he formed the Excelda Stone Company, which has grown to be a very important business concern of this city. They have important work under construction at the present time and all of it, both in appearance and substantial character, is most creditable.

In 1897, Mr. Hoffman was married to Minnie J. Warden, who is a daughter of John W. Warden, of Akron, and they have one son, Glenn W. Mr. Hoffman is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the American Insurance Union. Personally he is a man of stable character and aptly represents the class that is known as Akron's sterling citizens.

F. W. BUTLER, manager of the stoneware department of the Robinson Clay Product Company, and also president of the Akron Smoking Pipe Company, is one of Akron's leading business men and has been a resident of this city since boyhood. He was born at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Butler came to Akron in 1866 and completed his education in the High School of this city, after which he entered the employ of the old mercantile firm of Hall Brothers, with which he continued for four years. Subsequently, Mr. Butler became bookkeeper in the First National Bank, still later teller, remaining with this financial institution for nine years, during which time he acquired an interest in the E. H. Merrill Pottery Company, and this connection became of sufficient importance to cause his resignation as teller and to become secretary and manager of the latter business. He continued to perform the duties of these positions until the E. H. Merrill Pottery Company was absorbed by the Robinson Merrill Pottery Company, when he became manager of the stoneware department of the new firm. Mr. Butler remained with the concern after it became the Robinson Clay Product Company, and since 1900, has been manager of the stoneware department of this large industry. He is interested in other Akron enterprises and commands the consid-

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ration of his fellow-citizens as a man of ability and business honor.

In 1879, Mr. Butler was married to Grace A. Merrill, who was a daughter of E. H. Merrill. Mrs. Butler died in 1888, leaving three children: H. Karl, Merrill W., and Fred W. The two older sons of Mr. Butler are interested in real estate in Cuba, owning a plantation in that island. The youngest son is employed in the shipping department of the Robinson Clay Product Company.

Mr. Butler is a member of the Portage Country club.

AUGUSTUS O. OPLINGER, a leading citizen of Norton Township, residing on his valuable farm of fifty-six acres, was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1848, and is a son of Nathan and Sabina (Deiter) Oplinger.

This section of Ohio is much indebted to Pennsylvania, for from that State have come many of the most solid, substantial and reliable people, whose thrift and industry have brought prosperity. Among this class were the parents of Mr. Oplinger, who came overland to Ohio, settling for a short time, in 1850, at Wadsworth, Medina County, but shortly afterward purchasing a small farm in Norton Township, west of Loyal Oak. When Augustus O. Oplinger was about fifteen years of age, his father sold that farm and going a little further west, bought a tract of fifty-eight acres, but subsequently this farm also was sold and the family moved to the village of Loyal Oak, where both parents died. They had seven children, all of whom are now living.

Augustus O. Oplinger has been a resident of Norton Township ever since his parents settled here. He has made farming and dairying his main interests, but from the age of twenty-two to that of twenty-five years, he worked at the carpenter's trade. For some twenty years he operated rented land, but in 1894 he bought his present farm, which, under his excellent management has proved very remunerative. He does general farming and dairying and also gives attention to the growing of small fruits. Although the farm claims the larger part of his time, Mr. Oplinger has served his fellow citizens efficiently as a member of the township School Board.

Mr. Oplinger married Isabella Houser, who is a daughter of Stephen and Mary Houser, and they have a family of thirteen children, all of whom survive, proving the sturdy stock from which they came. They are: Horace, residing at Akron, married Emma Koch and has one child, George William; Edward, who married Anna Flannigan, has two children, Mary and James; Dora, who married Russell Phelps; Frank, who married Sadie Chance, has one child, Lillian; Robert, residing at Loyal Oak, who married Virgie Stripe, has two children, Marion and Doris; Charles, who married Cassie Messner, has one child, Charles; and Arthur, James, Walter, Frederick, Bessie, Mabel and Raymond, all at home.

Mr. Oplinger and family belong to the Reformed Church and from the age of twenty-five he has been one of the officials. He formerly served as treasurer of the Norton Insurance Company, and has served on the Board of Directors for a period of eighteen years. At present he is serving as treasurer of and for six years has been a director in the Norton Cyclone Association.

DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GOODRICH, founder of the B. F. Goodrich Company (Akron Rubber Works), the largest rubber factory in the United States, was born in Ripley, New York, November 4, 1841. He was educated in the schools of Fredonia, New York, and Austinburg, Ohio, and was graduated at the Western Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1861. About this time he entered the army as hospital steward of the Ninth New York Volunteer Cavalry, and was promoted to assistant surgeon in the spring of 1862, in which capacity he served until September, 1864, being for a part of the time in charge of the hospital at Aquia Creek. On the close of the war he engaged in real estate business in New York City. In 1870

he came to Akron, and with Colonel George T. Perkins, George W. Crouse, of Akron, and H. W. Tew, of Jamestown, New York, he established in Akron the first rubber factory west of the Allegheny Mountains, under the firm name of Goodrich, Tew & Co., later changed to B. F. Goodrich & Company. The business slowly grew and prospered until in 1880 a co-partnership was formed and the business incorporated under the name of the B. F. Goodrich Company, with a capitalization of $100,000.00, and with Dr. Goodrich as president, Alanson Work, vice-president, and Colonel George T. Perkins, secretary and treasurer. The company was engaged in the manufacture of fire hose, and other rubber goods. Later a second company for the manufacture of hard rubber goods was organized, and styled The Goodrich Hard Rubber Company, with the Doctor also as its president. The growth of the company was continuous from that time on, and the capital was increased from time to time, as the demands of the business required, until at present the capitalization of the company is $10,000,000. The present product of the company consists of a full line of soft rubber goods such as belting, hose, packings, druggist sundry goods, golf balls, tennis balls, automobile and bicycle tires, carriage tires, molded goods, mats, boots and shoes. The factory buildings cover an area of sixteen and a half acres of floor space, on fifteen and a half acres of ground, and the works give employment to 3,300 people.

Dr. Goodrich remained president of the company until 1888—the time of his death, when he was succeeded by Colonel George T. Perkins. He was a public-spirited citizen of high intelligence, and in his founding of this giant industry, proved one of the greatest benefactors that Akron ever had. He was a member of the Akron City Council for the years 1880 and 1881, the first year being its president.

Dr. Goodrich was married, November 4, 1869, to Miss Mary Marvin, daughter of Judge Richard P. Marvin, of Jamestown, New York. Of this union there were three children—Charles C., born August 3, 1871, who is now general superintendent of the B. F. Goodrich Company; Isabella, and David M. Dr. Goodrich died at Manitou Springs, Colorado, August 3, 1888.

CHARLES C. GOODRICH, general superintendent of the B. F. Goodrich Company, of Akron, which controls the largest rubber factory in the United States, and whose goods are known all over the civilized world, is a native of Akron, and a son of B. F. Goodrich, from whom the company takes its name. He was educated in the public schools of Akron, at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and at Harvard University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1893. In February, 1895, Mr. Goodrich returned to Akron and began business life as a clerk in the office of the B. F. Goodrich Company. His ability and application have since carried him steadily to the important position of general superintendent of this immense industry.

Mr. Goodrich is prominent in Masonry, having attained the Thirty-second Degree. He belongs to all the Masonic bodies at Akron, and to the Mystic Shrine, at Cleveland. He was reared in the Episcopal Church and is junior warden of the *Church of the Savior,* at Akron.

In April, 1895, Mr. Goodrich was married to Mary A. Gellatly, of Orange, New Jersey.

FREDERICK H. WEEKS, president, treasurer and general manager of The F. H. Weeks Lumber Company, with plant situated at No. 570 South Main street, Akron, is one of the city's leading business men, interested in a number of its important enterprises.

He was born in Copley, Summit County, Ohio, May 15, 1858, son of Darius and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Weeks. He is descended from sturdy pioneer ancestry on both sides of the family. His paternal grandfather was Levett Weeks, born in Vermont in 1798, who married Celestia Taylor, born in Connecticut, in 1799. Darius Weeks was born in Wadsworth, Ohio, April 7, 1825, and was married at Copley, Ohio, October 1, 1846, to Elizabeth

Wilcox, who was born at Fort Edwards, now Warsaw, Illinois, May 31, 1827. She was a daughter of John R. and Mary (Kinney) Wilcox. Her father, John R. Wilcox, was born in Salsbury, Vermont, in 1900, entered West Point at the age of eighteen years, finished at the age of twenty-two, and was ordered to frontier duty at Fort Edwards, Illinois. Mrs. Mary (Kinney) Wilcox was born in New Lisbon, Ohio, in 1807. Among the maternal ancestors also was Plinney Wilcox, born in Vermont, son of Mary Remley, also a native of that State.

Frederick H. Weeks was educated in the public schools of Akron, as far as the second year in the High School at the age of fourteen years. In August of the same year F. H. Weeks commenced to work, as back flagman with the surveying party that located the Valley Railroad from Cleveland to Canton. At the age of fifteen he went to Louisville, Kentucky, as a city salesman, where he spent four years and then returned to Akron, where he learned the potter's trade, at which he continued to work for four and one-half years. Mr. Weeks then went into the business of manufacturing stoneware, under the name of Weeks, Cook & Weeks, and two years later, with his brother, bought out the interest of Mr. Cook. The business was continued under the name of Weeks Bros., up to 1890, when F. H. Weeks bought his brother's interest and now is sole proprietor of the F. H. Week's potteries, at East Akron, where stoneware of all description is manufactured.

In 1889, Mr. Weeks took charge of the Hankey Lumber Company as manager and treasurer. In 1898 he acquired the holdings of The Hankey people by purchase but continued the business under the original corporate name until March 1, 1907, when the firm of The F. H. Weeks Lumber Company was incorporated with a capital stock of $100,000, $90,000 paid in. Of this organization, F. H. Weeks is president, treasurer, and general manager. F. H. Weeks, Jr., is vice-president, and L. R. Dietzold is secretary. This company manufactures sash, doors and blinds and makes interior finishings of all description. Mr. Weeks is also president of the National Blank Book & Supply Company and the Akron Clay Company; is a stockholder in the Crown Drilling Machine Company; was formerly president of the Builder's Exchange, of Akron; formerly president of the State Builders' Exchange, and is vice president of the Employers' Association of Akron, Ohio.

In February, 1882, Mr. Weeks was married to Bertha A. Hankey, who is a daughter of the late Simon Hankey, who was the founder of the Hankey Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have two children, F. H., Jr., and Charlotte A. The former was educated in both public and private schools at Akron, and at Buchtel College and Culver Military Academy. He is vice president of the F. H. Weeks Lumber Company. Miss Charlotte was educated in the Akron schools and at Miss Mittelberger's Preparatory School, at Cleveland.

Mr. Weeks is affiliated with the Masonic and Elk fraternities at Akron. He is liberal in his support of public-spirited measures of various kinds.

DAVID L. PARKER, a citizen and retired farmer of Copley Township, now residing in Portage Township, for many years engaged in teaching school. Mr. Parker was born on his father's farm in Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 4, 1838, and is a son of Richard E. and Martha (Richardson) Parker.

Mr. Parker's paternal grandfather, Luna Parker, was born in New York. He was a contractor on the old Ohio Canal. Richard E. Parker was his eldest son and he was born in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1811, being the first male child born in that township. At the age of twenty-one years he bought a farm in Copley Towship and built a double log cabin. On April 18, 1833, he married Martha Richardson, who was born in Vermont, whose parents were natives of Maine. In 1871 Richard E. Parker and wife retired from the farm and removed to Akron, where both died. They

had the following children: Henry, Hartwell; David Luna; Mary, who is the widow of H. Harris; Eudora, who is the widow of William Trimbell; Phoebe, deceased, who married C. Low; Perry R.; and Cordelia, who married Charles Stadler.

David Luna Parker attended school first in the log school house near his home, but later the Granger Institute, beginning to teach school at the age of nineteen years, and he continued in the educational field until he was forty years of age, his last school being taught at Copley. During this long period he paid some attention to farming and also furnished stone and built a number of bridges and culverts for Summit County. He spent about two years introducing improved and advanced school books through the county. Mr. Parker is able to look back over many happy years in the school room and he is remembered with much kindness by his pupils.

In November, 1859, Mr. Parker was married to Ellen S. Averill who is a daughter of Benjamin and Louisa (Harvey) Averill. They have four children, namely: Charles H., Allen, Nettie and Eugene. Charles H. married Minnie Loekert, and they have two children: Elta, who married Benjamin Loekert, and Nellie. Allen married (first) Graee Randall and had three children: Ethel, Junen and Evan, and (second) Maggie Kinch, and three children have been born to this marriage: Vera, Viva and Clarence. Nettie married Walter Palmer, and they have two children: Harry and Helen. Eugene married Cora Squires, and they have two children, Roy and William.

In political preference, Mr. Parker is a Republiean and he has served in numerous township offiees. For twelve years he was assistant secretary of the County Agricultural Society and he belongs to the Grange, which was organized over twenty years ago, he being a eharter member.

CHARLES H. WATTERS, who has been the efficient secretary of the board of Public Serviee, at Akron, since 1901, is one of the alert, enterprising and progressive young men of this city. Mr. Watters was born at Akron, Ohio, in 1876, and is a son of Thomas Watters, a former well-known and highly considered eitizen.

Thomas Watters was born in Wales, February 4, 1846, and died at Akron, in February, 1906. He came to this city immediately after completing four years of service in the Civil War, having been a member of Company E, 193rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during his first enlistment of three months, and of Battery E, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for the three years and more which covered his second enlistment. He was an iron worker and he enjoyed the distinction of having worked the first bar of iron ever made in the works of the Akron Iron Company. He remained superintendent of the mills of this company, until 1889, when he aeeepted a similar position with the Cherry Valley Iron Company, at Leetonia, Ohio.

Charles H. Watters was employed in clerical work at Akron for a time after completing his sehooling, and then engaged in a real estate business for several years. In 1901 he was elected seeretary of the board of Public Service, his efficiency in this office being generally eoneeded. He has been a very active worker in the Republican party and is a representative young American in his energy and business initiative.

B. W. ROBINSON, president of the Robinson Clay Product Company, also of the Second National Bank, both of Akron, is one of the city's native sons who have done yeoman service in advancing her manufacturing and financial interests, and adding materially to the volume of business which plaees her among the foremost cities of her size in the United States in point of enterprise and prosperity. He was born, as has been already intimated, in Akron, the year of his nativity being 1860. His father was William Robinson, a native of Staffordshire, England, who

on coming to America, settled first in East Liverpool, Ohio, whence he came to Akron in 1856. Here William Robinson became a pioneer in the manufacture of pottery and sewer pipe, and was one of the stirring business men of Akron in his day.

B. W. Robinson, with whom this sketch is more closely concerned was reared in his native city, and after graduating from the Akron High School, supplemented his school studies by a term at Oberlin College. His first business experience was gained as bookkeeper for Whittmore, Robinson & Co., with whom he became connected in 1878; and with the exception of two years—from 1884 to 1886, when he was with the Akron Milling Co.—he has been connected with the pottery and sewer-pipe manufacturing interests. Through his force of character and acknowledged ability as a business man he has risen from a subordinate position to the presidency of the Robinson Clay Product Company, as well as to that of the Second National Bank. The former concern is the largest of its kind in the United States, if not in the world, they being the sole owners of nine factories, six of which are located in Akron, one at Canal Dover, one at Midvale, and one at Malvern. They also control a number of incorporated companies scattered over the United States, among which latter may be mentioned the Eastern Clay Goods Co., with office at Boston, Mass. Mr. Robinson is a member of the Portage Country Club. He is also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving usefully on its board of trustees.

He was married in 1893 to Miss Zeletta M. Smith, of East Liverpool. They have six children—Helen, Paul, William, Stuart, Ruth, and Zeletta.

McCONNELL MOORE, one of the highly respected retired residents of Cuyahoga Falls, who has made this city his home since 1885, was born November 9, 1836, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Hugh and Fanny (Shryock) Moore.

The Moore family traces its ancestry back to Scotland and Ireland, but has been American through a number of generations. John Moore, great grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1749. He was of Scotch-Irish blood, coming to this country directly from Ireland and settling in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, near New Alexander. The exact date of his death is at present unknown, but it occurred some time before the burning of Hannastown by the Indians. He had four children, namely: William, born in 1773, who died in 1832 in Butler County, Pennsylvania, married Mary Conway; James, born in 1774, married Catherine Chambers, and died in 1846; Mary, who married Thomas Dickie.

William and Mary (Conway) Moore were the parents of children as follows: Jane, born in 1798, who married Thomas McCurdy; John, born in 1801, married Matilda McAfee, died in 1881; Hugh, born in 1803, married Fanny Shryock, died 1889; James (dates of birth and death not given), married Margaret McAfee.

Hugh Moore, who married Fanny Shryock, had the following children: John S., born August 23, 1826; died August 19, 1879, married Elizabeth Gibson; William, born February 24, 1828, died December 25, 1864, married Elizabeth Conrad; James, born March 3, 1830, married Eliza Henry; Lavena, born December 8, 1832, died August 26, 1870, married Barnard Hendrick; Thomas Harper, born November, 1834, married Nancy McClery; McConnell, born November 9, 1836, married Elizabeth Mildren; Sarah Jane, born January 22, 1839, married Samuel Nicholson; Margaret Ann, born September 25, 1841, married John Adams; George H., born November 8, 1843, married Annie Thomas; Samuel Curtis, born March 8, 1846, died February 17, 1854.

The Shryock family originated in this country through a Leonard Shryock, who came, it is thought, from Prussia, between 1720 and 1730, one of whose grandsons was the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch. The said maternal grandfather,

(born in 1776, died 1859), married Jane Conway, and had children—Margaret, who married Thomas Harper; Fanny who married Hugh Moore; Eliza who married John Hindman; Sarah who became the wife of Andreas Wilk; Lena, who married Thomas McElvain; John, who married Eliza Dickson; Daniel married Elizabeth Lincoln; Jane married Peter Hyskell.

William Moore, the paternal grandfather of McConnell Moore, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where his whole life was spent. Hugh Moore, father of McConnell Moore, was born in the same county in 1806, and died in 1900, in Sugar Creek Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, to which section he probably removed about the time of his marriage. Hugh Moore and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of ten children born to them, nine of whom reached maturity, as follows: John and William, both deceased; James, residing at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Lavinia, deceased; Thomas H., residing at Los Angeles, California: McConnell; Sarah Jane, who is the widow of Capt. Samuel J. Nickerson, of Indiana, Pennsylvania; Margaret Ann, who is the widow of John Adams, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; and George H., of Rimersburg, Pennsylvania. The mother of Mr. Moore survived to the age of eighty-three years.

McConnell Moore was reared in Armstrong County and obtained his education in the district schools. For several years he was connected with mercantile pursuits at Brady's Bend, later had charge of oil interests at Oil Creek, after which he entered a rolling mill at Pittsburg for several years. He returned to Brady's Bend in the capacity of ore inspector for the Brady's Bend Iron Company, remaining with that concern for seven years, and was also interested in the oil fields for himself. In 1872, Mr. Moore became manager of a fire brick business owned by his brother-in-law, E. J. Mildren, at Blacklick Station, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1885, when he came toCuyahoga Falls. Mr. Moore resumed his mercantile interests for a time but subsequently accepted the position of time-keeper at the Rivet and Machine Works, where he remained until April 15, 1907, when he retired. He owns a fine residence on Bailey Road, north of town, and a valuable farm of fifty-one acres, which is managed by his son Charles.

In 1861, McConnell Moore was married to Elizabeth Mildren, who was born in Penzance, Cornwall, England, in 1842, and is a daughter of Jacob L. Mildren, formerly of Brady's Bend. Of the thirteen children born to this marriage, twelve reached maturity, as follows: Fannie Jane, who married B. B. McConnaughey, of Homer City, Pennsylvania; A. Kate J., now deceased; Edward J., residing at Cleveland; Melda, who was a victim of the great Johnstown flood; Lavinia, residing at Cuyahoga Falls, who married F. J. Creque; Charles M., residing on the home farm; Alice, who married John Young, residing at Muskegon, Michigan; Leroy M., residing at Newark, New Jersey; Frank R., residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Ralph R., residing at Cuyahoga Falls; Richard L., postmaster at Cuyahoga Falls; and Dora, who married Rev. C. A. Coakwell, a minister of the Disciples Church, residing at Lennox, Iowa.

Mr. Moore has always been identified with the Republican party. For fifteen years he served as a member of the Board of Education of Cuyahoga Falls and during the larger part of this time he was clerk of the board.

Ralph Moore, the second youngest son of Mr. Moore, is one of Cuyahoga Falls' most enterprising young business men. He was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1878, and his education was secured there and in this city. After completing his school course he turned his attention to the jewelry business and subsequently studied optics, and in both occupations he has met with the most gratifying success. He commenced his studies with B. F. Phillips, at Cuyahoga Falls, going from there to Cleveland, where he had expert teaching in the many technical points of his work, and after he became pro-

ficient he entered the employ of the Webb C. Ball Company, of Cleveland. After several business ventures, more or less satisfactory, Mr. Moore took a complete course in the Philadelphia Horological College, and from this institution received his diploma in optics. Following his graduation he took charge of a store of Bygate & Son, of Pittsburg, later was with A. E. Siedle & Company of that city, where he was watchmaker, engraver, and optician. Later he was in business at Port Huron, Michigan, which city he left on account of climatic conditions, and in February, 1905, he embarked in a business at Cuyahoga Falls, which has grown to remarkable proportions in the past two years, necessitating a change of quarters and fine facilities. Mr. Moore is a member of Star Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 187, and of Pavonia Lodge, No. 301, Knights of Pythias.

MRS. SUSANNAH SNYDER, widow of John G. Snyder, has resided on her present farm of 178 acres, situated in Coventry Township, ever since her marriage and the comfort and conveniences amid which she lives, are largely due to her years of frugality and good management. Mrs. Snyder was born in Green Township, Stark County, Ohio, and is a daughter of George and Catherine (Marsh) Kepler.

The Keplers came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. George Kepler was born in the latter State, and in boyhood accompanied his people to Stark County, the party consisting of the family of John Kepler, his father, and that of Andrew Kepler, his uncle. There were no railroads in those days and every one who left home with his belongings, traveled by wagon and frequently used an ox-team. The Keplers settled near together in the wilderness which they found, but all were men of energy and industry, and soon made clearings and erected comfortable homes. The grandfather of Mrs. Snyder reared a large family and lived far into middle life. His death was caused by an accident.

George Kepler, father of Mrs. Snyder, was one of the older members of the family and he assisted his father very materially through the pioneer hardships which they had to encounter. After he reached manhood he married Catherine Marsh, who had also accompanied her parents from Pennsylvania. The latter were Adam and Susannah Marsh, who also settled in what was then Green Township, Stark County, but which is now Franklin Township, Summit County. The Keplers removed from Green Township, where they originally settled, to Coventry Township, locating on a farm on which Mrs. Snyder lives. It was then covered with a heavy growth of timber. George Kepler, who was a man of great industry, built a log house and barn. He died when only thirty years of age, but had almost completed the clearing of the place. He was not long survived by his wife, who died aged twenty-eight years, both falling victims to typhoid fever. Six children were left orphans, namely: Susannah, Adam, Solomon, Alfred, Mary and William. Alfred and Mary are now deceased.

Susannah Kepler was three years old when her parents settled in Coventry Township, and she lived on the present home farm until they died, when she returned to Green (Franklin Township) and made her home with her maternal grandfather, Adam Marsh. On January 3, 1856, she was married to John George Snyder, who was a son of Michael and Barbara Snyder, who had come to Ohio from Germany, after their marriage, and who died in Summit County. They had five children, namely: John George; Michael, now deceased; Eve (deceased), who married J. Daily; Frederick; and Julia Ann, both deceased, the latter of whom married D. Steele.

John George Snyder was born in Germany, January 13, 1827. He came to America when he was eleven years of age, and lived at home until his marriage. He always carried on farming and became a man of local prominence, one who was frequently selected by

the Democratic party to serve in township offices. Such duties were always performed with honesty and fidelity. He died February 21, 1901. A family of ten children were born to John George Snyder and wife, as follows: Mary, who married M. Loutzenheiser; Savilla, twin sister of Mary, who married John Dice and has two children—Bertha, wife of C. Snyder, and Irving; William, who died aged nineteen years; Solomon, who married Cordelia Dearling, and resides at Stoutsville; Huston E., who married Celesta Bauchman, and has one child, Wallace; Albert, a clergyman, and president of a college, residing in North Carolina, who has three children, George R., Charlotte and Beatrice; Charles A.; Harvey A., a practicing physician at Barberton; Ella, who married M. Asdale, residing with her mother; and Emma Elvira, who died aged four months. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder gave their children the best educational advantages in their power, and encouraged them in their efforts to obtain a thorough schooling. While but three members of the family entered into professional life, all are intelligent and well-informed members of the communities in which they live, four being graduates of the Tiffin schools.

Mrs. Snyder has lived in the old home ever since her marriage and owns it, together with her children. It is a well-improved property and has always been carefully cultivated. Mrs. Snyder has a wide circle of friends. She is a valued member of the Reformed Church, attending services at Barberton.

EUGENE F. CRANZ, a prosperous farmer and highly esteemed citizen, of Bath Township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, August 1, 1863, son of William F. and Mary (Drushel) Cranz. William F. Cranz was a native of Germany, born in 1820, who came to this country in 1834, with his father's family, they landing at Baltimore. They settled in Holmes County, where William's father followed the occupation of a Lutheran preacher, his residence being at Winesburg, that county.

William F. Cranz in 1843 married Mary Drushel, who bore him eleven children, nine of whom are still living. In 1863, twenty years after his marriage, he removed to Bath Township, Summit County, where he and his wife subsequently died. They were worthy people who conscientiously performed their share of life's duties, and left behind a good name that shall long endure.

Mary Drushel was the daughter of Henry Drushel, who came from Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Holmes County, Ohio, with his wife and large family about the year 1829, and with his father, John Drushel, who came some years earlier, bought a large tract of choice land, the most of which is still held by their descendants. This John Drushel was a soldier of the Revolution, and was in the battles of Bunker Hill, Long Island, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, and at Valley Forge.

Mary Drushel was eleven years old when her grandfather died, in 1837, at the age of eighty-seven, but she clearly retold stories of the Revolution as told to her by her grandfather. One of these, which in after years her children were always fond of hearing, was as follows:

By trade John Drushel was a blacksmith, and during some of the campaigns in New Jersey, General Washington's horse became very lame, owing to being improperly shod. He ordered the horse reshod with no better results. By some means the General learned that John Drushel was a blacksmith, and ordered that he be brought forward, and after questioning him in regard to his trade, said to him: "Shoe that horse so that he doesn't go lame, or I will hang you up." After the job was done an orderly mounted the horse rode off at a brisk trot. No lameness was noticeable, and General Washington put his hand on John Drushel's shoulder and said "Did you think that I meant what I said?" To which he replied: "I thought you intended that I should do my best, sir." From that time John Drushel was the shoer of General Washington's horse, and some years later

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helped to make the famous carriage exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, and now sacredly kept as a National treasure and relic.

Eugene F. Cranz was but one month old when he accompanied his parents to Bath Township, so he may almost be said to have resided here all his life. He received a good education, after leaving the district schools, attending Copley Center High school, then a year at the Normal school, at Lebanon, and afterwards a year and a half at the Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio. For five years after leaving college he taught school and also, before the death of his parents, carried on the home farm for some time. After their death he bought out the other heirs, except one sister, who owns a part of the homestead farm, and has since resided on the property, making a specialty of dairying. The farm he now owns was first settled by Jason Hammond, who came from Connecticut, in 1810, and was in the Hammond family for three generations until purchased by Mr. Cranz's father of Irwin Hammond in 1863. Mr. Eugene F. Cranz has named the farm, Mt. Tom Farm, after a hill of that name included within the limits of the property.

An independent Democrat in politics, Mr. Cranz has served efficiently for twelve years on the School Board, has been town trustee for five years, and in 1903 was a candidate for the State Legislature, but because of his party being in the minority he made no canvass for election. He is a prominent member of the Grange, having been secretary of Pomona Grange, Summit County, for ten years, and master for three years. He has also served the Ohio State Grange in minor offices for four years, at present being an assistant secretary.

Mr. Cranz was married, in 1893, to Miss Nettie Parker, of Hinckley Township, Medina County. Her father was Oliver H. Parker, a carpenter and prominent bridge builder of Summit and Medina Counties. He and his wife are the parents of six children—Luman P., Gracia E., Doris E., Damon D., Harmon F., and Paul H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cranz are members of the Congregational Church in which also they are useful workers. They and their family are among the most respected residents of the township.

ARMIN SICHERMAN, M. D., one of Akron's leading physicians and surgeons, whose well-equipped offices may be found in the Hamilton Building, and whose surroundings all indicate the presence of a man of scholarly tastes, was born in 1865, in Hungary.

From the schools of his native land, Dr. Sicherman entered the college of Eperjes, Imperio-Royal University of Vienna, Austria, where he was graduated. Following the close of his university career, he spent two years in the general hospital at Vienna. During the term of his medical studies he gave one year of service in the regular army. From Vienna, Dr. Sicherman came to America, reaching Akron in March, 1893, and this city has remained his field of labor ever since. He has won the confidence of his fellow-citizens, in his profession, and their esteem and friendship, in personal relations. He is a member of the Summit County, the Ohio State, the Union Medical and the American Medical Associations, and he belongs to the Summit County Medical club. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Dr. Sicherman was married in 1900, to Rose Loewy, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons, Merryl and Karl. He belongs to the Hebrew congregation, at Akron.

COL. GEORGE TOD PERKINS, president of the B. F. Goodrich Company, and of the Akron Rubber Company, and formerly president of the Second National Bank, of Akron, is one of the leading men of this city, where he was born, May 5, 1836. He is a son of Colonel Simon and Grace Ingersoll (Tod) Perkins, separate notice of whom may be found in this volume.

George Tod Perkins was educated in the schools of his native city and at Marietta Col-

lege. In 1859 he went to Youngstown, where he was associated with his uncle, David Tod, later Governor of Ohio, as secretary of the Brier Hill Iron Company. In April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was elected by the company to the rank of second lieutenant. During his enlistment he served in West Virginia. In 1862 he re-enlisted, becoming major of the 105th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; he was made lieutenant-colonel, July 16, 1863, and colonel, February 18, 1864, and was mustered out at Washington, June 3, 1865. Colonel Perkins' service included many of the most serious battles of the whole war, notably Perryville, Kentucky, where two of his captains and forty-seven of his men were killed; Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain and the siege of Atlanta, were among his other experiences. He commanded his regiment in the "March to the Sea," with General Sherman, and was one of the gallant officers who won and received deserved promotion.

Colonel Perkins then returned to Akron and entered into business, from 1867 to 1870, being secretary of Taplin, Rice & Company. In the latter year he became president of the Bank of Akron, continuing from 1870 to 1876, and then served as cashier of the same until the consolidation of that institution with the Second National Bank, in March, 1888, of which latter bank he was president for some years. As mentioned above, Colonel Perkins has other important business interests. In 1900 he presented to the city of Akron seventy-six acres of land for park purposes—to be known as Perkins Park.

On October 6, 1865, Colonel Perkins was married to Mary F. Rawson, and they had three children, the one surviving being Mary, who is the wife of Charles B. Raymond, of Akron. Colonel Perkins has a beautiful home at No. 90 North Prospect Street.

JAMES PIERCE NOLAND, general farmer and nurseryman, resides on his valuable 64 1-2 acre farm in Boston Township, and also owns the well-known Mackey place, which contains sixty acres, with a fine residence and farm buildings attached, also a valuable silo. He was born in Pike Township, Coshocton County, Ohio, May 6, 1853, and is a son of James D. and Mary (Porter) Noland.

The father of Mr. Noland was born in Coshocton County and in childhood accompanied his parents to Indiana and later to Iowa, but returned to his native county, where the rest of his life was passed. He died in 1903, aged eighty-seven years. In politics he was a Democrat and he served in almost all the local offices of his township. He married Mary Porter, who died in 1884, aged fifty-three years. She was a member of the Disciples Church. Of their eight children, James Pierce was the eldest.

Until he was twenty years of age, James P. Noland remained on the home farm, in the local schools having good educational advantages. He then went to Painesville, Ohio, where he entered the employ of Storrs & Harrison, nurserymen, and after two years of practical experience there, formed a partnership with his brothers, W. A. and C. C., under the firm name of Noland Bros. Together they conducted a nursery business at West Carlisle, Ohio, for three years. After Mr. Noland's marriage, in 1886, he took up his residence with his wife's parents in Boston Township, and put out a lot of nursery stock that same spring. The sixty acres which compose the Vowles farm, together with the Mackey farm, gives him a large acreage and all sections of the whole estate is made to produce to its limit. Mr. Noland raises corn, wheat, hay and oats, but his main business is raising nursery stock of all kinds and he has the distinction of being the most extensive grower in Summit County. From the age of thirteen years Mr. Noland has given this line of business close attention, and he is not an indifferent acceptor of just what the land will produce, but a scientifically educated tree, plant and flower developer, one who, seeming-

ly, can bring forth any variety from the fertile land that he chooses. He is an indefatigable worker, a keen observer of all climatic conditions and also an excellent business man.

Mr. Noland has originated a number of choice varieties of flowers and fruit. He has been very successful with strawberries, his main producers being the Bubach, the Senator Dunlap, the Haviland, the William Belt, Samples and Yant, and the Noland, the latter a large, firm, berry that he originated himself. He raises many raspberries and blackberries, all of the kind easiest to ship. He has now on his place, 60,000 Norway spruces, a specialty, standing from four inches to eight feet, designed for the Christmas demand, while his fruit stock include all the varieties which will stand the climate. He calls attention to a very fine species of crab apple, large, of fine flavor and handsome color, which he originated himself. He has an abundance of roses and flowering shrubs of all kinds and in almost all seasons of the year he is surrounded by a perfect wealth of natural beauty. On March 9, 1886, Mr. Noland was married to Mary Vowles, who is a daughter of Levi and Janes Vowles, of Boston Township.

THE FOSTER FAMILY. Among the well-known and respected families of Northfield Township, the Foster family, which has been established here since 1841, is now represented by three members—two brothers and one sister.

Lyman Foster was born at Bangor, Maine, in 1805 and died in Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, in 1875. Lyman Foster's wife, Minerva Everest Foster, was born in Essex County, New York, in 1806, and died in Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, 1892.

In the spring of 1841 Lyman Foster, wife, and family of six children started for Ohio. Taking canal boat at Albany, they arrived at Buffalo three weeks later, from there they took the steam-boat to Cleveland, from which place they made their way to Northfield Township by canal and overland. They were met at the canal boat by Zadac Everest, brother of Minerva Foster, who took them to her father's home (William Everest's) in Macedonia, Northfield Township. Remaining a short time with them, they then rented some land of Gabriel Curtis and commenced the battle of farming for a livelihood. By hard work and good management they were fairly prosperous and very soon purchased land where their present home has been for the past fifty-four years. This home is now occupied by L. R., A. L. and Z. M. Foster. Two children were added to the family, being born in Macedonia, making eight children in all who lived to reach their majority.

The records of the children are as follows: Orlando H. Foster, born in Warrensburg, Warren County, New York, in 1830, married in 1861 Mrs. A. R. Willard (now deceased), of Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio; he died at Macedonia in 1862, leaving no children.

LeRoy Foster, born in Warrensburg, Warren County, New York, in 1831, married Maria Stevens of Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, in 1859. She died in 1862 leaving one child, Ora M., who became the wife of T. D. McFarland, of Hudson, Ohio, in 1885. She died in 1892 leaving one child, Doris Marie. T. D. McFarland died in 1907. Doris Marie now makes her home with her grandfather, L. R. Foster.

Andrew J. Foster was born in Warrensburg, Warren County, New York, in 1833, married Mary A. Taylor, of Twinsburg, Summit County, Ohio, in 1860, died at Foster City, Michigan, in 1896. She died at the home of L. R Foster in 1903; no children living.

Amanda Elizabeth Foster, born at Warrensburg, Warren County, New York, in 1835, married James H. Clark, of Northfield Township in 1859. To them three children were born, one now living, Mrs. F. M. Vaughn, of Cleveland. Mrs. Clark died at Macedonia in 1865. Mr. Clark died at Cleveland in 1903.

Alonzo L. Foster, born at Warrensburg, Warren County, New York, in 1837, was married in 1870 to Frances E. Barlicomb of Cadil-

lac, Michigan, who died in 1878, in Cleveland, leaving no children.

Sarah Jane Foster, born at Greenwich, Washington County, New York, in 1839, married Rev. William Campbell, of Northfield Township, in 1862. To them two children were born: William, Jr., and Lillian, all of which now live at Minneapolis, Minn.

Zorada M. Foster, born in Macedonia, Summit County, Ohio, in 1841.

Amelia M. Foster born in Macedonia, Summit County, Ohio, in 1844, married B. D. Hammond, of Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1865, died in 1887 at Wichita, Kansas, leaving six children: Foster, Myrtle, Daniel, Thorne, Lyman, and Tracey.

Lyman Foster and wife were active members of The Free-Will Baptist Church of Macedonia and brought up their family in strict, New England Evangelical codes; were up-to-date Americans, Republicans in politics. The whole family was interested in the underground railroad. At one time eight negroes were concealed in a straw-stack at the barn. The Foster family sang as a choir in church for many years.

At the present time the three living members of the family at the old homestead and the granddaughter of L. R. Foster, Doris Marie McFarland, are active members of the Christian Science Church of Macedonia.

ROSWELL KENT, once one of the leading business men of Akron, was well and widely known as a merchant and as a member of the manufacturing firm of Irish, Kent and McMillan, later Irish, Kent and Baldwin, and subsequently Kent, Baldwin and Company. He was born May 18, 1798, at Leyden, Massachusetts, and accompanied his parents to Hudson, Ohio, in 1812.

Mr. Kent was educated in the best schools of his day. He became industrially interested at Akron, then Middlebury, in 1820, when he established a general store for his brother and Capt. Heman Oviatt. In 1826 he bought the business and conducted it himself until his retirement. When the firm of Irish, Kent and McMillan was formed for the manufacture of woolen machinery, he became its second member, and during the changes in the course of years, remained a member. His name is associated with many of Akron's early enterprises and his assistance was given to a large number of its public-spirited efforts. The Sixth Ward Kent school building, one of the finest educational edifices of the city, was named in his honor.

In 1826 Roswell Kent was married to Eliza Hart, who was a daughter of Joseph and Annie (Hotchkiss) Hart, who settled at Middlebury in 1807. Mrs. Kent was born in 1808, and was the first white child born in the present limits of Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Kent had seven children, of whom three grew to maturity—Ekka K. (deceased), who was the wife of Findley McNaughton; Russel H., and Flora K., who was the wife of T. S. Page.

Russel H. Kent, the only surviving son of the late Roswell and Eliza (Hart) Kent, who is secretary and treasurer of the Summit China Company, was born September 26, 1841, in Akron, Ohio. His education was secured in the common schools of Akron, after which he became associated with The Kent and Baldwin Company, of which his father was the head. In 1879 the Akron Stoneware Company was organized, which was succeeded in 1900 by The Summit China Company, and Mr. Kent is still identified with this enterprise. Mr. Kent was married to Miss Mary Melissa Brewster, who is a daughter of the late Alexander and Margaret Ann (Kinney) Brewster. Mr. and Mrs. Kent reside at No. 398 East Buchtel Avenue.

Alexander Brewster, who was one of Summit County's prominent pioneer citizens, was born September 10, 1808, at Augusta, Oneida County, New York, and died at Akron in May, 1899. In 1812 the parents of Mr. Brewster came to Summit County and settled as pioneers in the wilderness of Coventry Township. There father and son developed a fine homestead farm, and together they worked at the carpenter's trade, although Alexander later gave his attention entirely to agricultural

pursuits. In 1848 a vein of coal was discovered on his land, but not being a practical miner, he did little to develop it until after his return from the California gold fields, in 1852. He soon found it more profitable to engage in mining than in farming, and after successfully operating on his own land, in 1865 he organized a stock company, under the title of the Brewster Coal Company, with a capital stock of $100,000. Of this organization, Mr. Brewster became president and his two sons, Alfred A. and Austin K., were associated with him, the former as general agent, and the latter as secretary and treasurer. This company is still active in the coal fields and for years, during Mr. Brewster's management, mined 300,000 tons of coal annually. He was a man of fine business judgment and became one of Akron's most substantial citizens.

CHARLES HENRY STROMAN, one of Springfield Township's substantial citizens and leading agriculturalists, resides on his farm of 115 acres, and owns other land, thirty-eight and one-half acres being situated in Coventry Township. He was born in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 14, 1854, on his father's farm, a mile and a half south of his present home, and is a son of John and Rosanna (Raber) Stroman.

John Stroman was born in Pennsylvania and he accompanied his parents, Charles and Rebecca Stroman, who settled in Green Township, Summit County, but later removed to Indiana. The grandfather of Charles H. Stroman died on his farm there, after which the grandmother returned to Ohio and lived the remainder of her life in the vicinity of her children. These were: Gemima, Matilda, Lucy Ann, Rebecca, Barbara, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary Ann, Samuel, John and Charles, the latter two remaining residents of Summit County. John Stroman married Rosanna, daughter of Henry Raber, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. They had two children, Charles H. and Lovina. The latter married John P. Kepler. She is deceased. John Stroman sold the farm where Charles Henry was born and bought the latter's present farm in 1856. He also owned 100 acres in Coventry Township. John Stroman died in 1884 at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow died in 1894, aged sixty-eight years.

Charles Henry Stroman was two years old when his father purchased and moved to the farm on which he has spent fifty-one years. He secured his education in the district schools and has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. For some five years he rented the present farm and then purchased it and has made many improvements here.

In 1900 Mr. Stroman was married to Nora Ellen Taylor, who is a daughter of Henry and Amanda (Ringer) Taylor, of Coventry Township. Henry Taylor was born in Ireland and accompanied his parents to America and they still survive, living at Kistler, Pennsylvania. The mother of Mrs. Stroman was born at Royalton, near Cleveland, Ohio, and died in 1889, aged forty-eight years. Mr. Taylor resides at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Stroman have one little daughter, Amy Viola, who was born in 1901.

Mr. Stroman is a Democrat in his political views, but he is broad-minded enough to see merit in men outside the ranks of either party and usually votes for the man he believes best qualified for office. He is a member of Summit Lodge, No. 50, Odd Fellows, at Akron.

FLORENZO F. FENN, a citizen of Tallmadge Township and the oldest living representative of the Fenn family, was born January 17, 1828, in Tallmadge, Ohio. His parents, Fowler F. and Esther (Law) Fenn, were born in Milford, Connecticut, and after their marriage in 1818 came to the Western Reserve, Ohio, and located in Tallmadge in 1820. Tallmadge was at that time a dense forest. His farm was in the eastern part of Tallmadge, and his father, Benjamin Fenn, Florenzo F. Fenn's grandfather, occupied a farm half a mile west of the center. As Mr. Fenn's father made his home with the grand-

father while preparing a home of his own, it involved a walk of two miles and a half each way through a wilderness of trees and brush. Mr. Fenn's father once encountered a panther that bounded from one side of the path to the other, screaming like mad. He armed himself with a club and reached his home safely. After that incident he was careful to start for home before dusk.

They built their own log cabin and the first tree cut for it was felled by his wife, he cutting off the larger part. Although frail in body, Mr. Fenn's mother was a helpmate in every sense of the word. She paid a subscription of $50.00 to the church by spinning flax and weaving linen. They were blessed with five children: Nathan W., who died at two; Lucinda S., still living at eighty-six; Henrietta L., who died at twenty-one; Nathan W. (second), who died at twenty-one; and Florenzo F., the youngest, the subject of this sketch, still living. His mother died when he was thirteen months old, at the age of thirty-two. He was reared by his mother's sister, Abigail A. Law, whom his father afterward married, in 1830. She was the mother of three children: Edward P., who died at the age of two years; Esther E., who died at the age of twenty-three years; and Edward P. (second), who died at the age of forty-one. She was a devoted and loving mother, and lived to the good old age of ninety-three years, spending the last years of her life in the home of Florenzo F. Fenn.

When Mr. Fenn was nine years old, at a time when he most needed the loving care and watchfulness of a father, his father was taken away, at the age of forty-four. Mr. Fenn attended school until seventeen years of age, when he went to Hudson and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade. He also attended the preparatory department of Western Reserve College, which was in Hudson at that time. He, however, did not continue his studies, as his health would not permit. In the year 1854 he was married to Julia Eunice Treat. Her parents, Andrew Treat and Marietta Newton Treat, were born in Connecticut, and lived there until they were married in April, 1823, at which time they left their home for the adventures of a new country. They made the journey in a one-horse wagon, which for a time was the only wagon in the neighborhood and was used for all purposes—to go to mill, to meetings, to weddings and funerals. It is still preserved by Mr. Fenn, and is a curiosity which attracted considerable attention at the Tallmadge Centennial held in 1907, when a large up-to-date automobile stood beside it, showing the progress of events. Mr. Treat bought land on the southeast road in Tallmadge Township and settled on the same. By industry and frugality he became the largest land owner and one of the wealthiest citizens of Tallmadge. He cleared acres and acres of land by hand, chopping magnificent trees down in windrows and burning them—trees that would be a fortune to any one owning them now. They built on the land he had cleared and lived there all their lives. Mrs. Treat dying in 1887, aged eighty-three years and Mr. Treat in 1888, aged eighty-seven years.

They had two children, Joseph A. and Julia E. Treat. Julia, who was the wife of Florenzo F. Fenn, secured her grammar education in Tallmadge. At the age of fourteen went to Cleveland to school, and later to New Haven for special study in music. She was married at the age of twenty-one and spent the remainder of her life in Tallmadge, her death occuring in November, 1901, when she had attained the age of sixty-eight years. She was a woman of estimable character, a devoted mother, and beloved by all who knew her. She was the mother of eight children: Frank and Florenzo, Everton Newton, Julian; Marietta A.; Andrew Edward, Elbert Dwight and Julia. Frank and Florenzo died in infancy, Julian at the age of three and a half years, and Marietta at thirty years of age. The other four are still living and reside in Cleveland. Since Mr. Fenn's marriage he has spent most of his years in farming, and has always taken an interest in the affairs of the township. He and his wife joined the Congregational Church in their youth and were active members ever afterward. He has been

a member of Tallmadge Grange and Summit County Horticultural Society for years. He has always supported the candidates of the Republican party, and during the Civil War was a member of Company D, 164th Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

In his youth Mr. Fenn was not blessed with good health, and his friends feared an early death from consumption. Many of those he has outlived, and, although he has passed four score years, he bears their weight better than many do the half century. He continues to be actively interested in all that concerns the public life of his neighborhood and country, keeps thoroughly posted and in touch with modern thought along many lines, and enjoys social converse and family reunions. Mr. Fenn is a descendant of Governor Law, once governor of Connecticut. Also he and his wife are both descendants of Governor Treat.

RANSOME MILTON SANFORD was born in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, on the old Buck farm, May 26, 1830, and is a son of Garry and Emily (Richardson) Sanford, and is probably one of the best-known men of Hudson Township. There are few buildings standing in Hudson that he has not either constructed or repaired, and in large part, the same may be said over much of Hudson Township.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Sanford never left Connecticut and lived continuously in the old family home, which was built 120 years ago, and which is still occupied by a descendant. The father of Mr. Sanford came from Bridgewater, Connecticut, to Rootstown, Portage County, Ohio, in September, 1819, and seven years later to Hudson Township. He was married in 1822, and located in the southeastern corner of Hudson, where he lived until 1833, when he bought the farm where T. B. Terry now lives. He cleared up that property and died there June 7, 1845. He married Emily Richardson, who survived until 1870, her death taking place near Akron. They had the following children: A babe that died; Lorenzo, born in 1824, residing at Bridgeport; Perry L., who died in Pennsylvania; Henry M., who died at Hudson; Ransome M.; Emily, who died, aged eighteen years; Marcus, who died aged fifteen years; Electa, born in 1839, who married Abel Underhill, residing near Akron; Harlan P., who died aged three years; and Sarah Jane, who died in childhood.

Ransome M. Sanford was three years old when his parents moved to what is now the Terry farm. He went to the district schools during boyhood and when seventeen years of age he learned the carpenter's trade at Newton Falls, where he remained at work for several years, although he always made the old farm his home as long as his mother retained the property. He has been one of the leading builders of this section, and can point to many substantial and handsome structures to testify to his ability. Although he is over seventy-seven years of age, he is still working at his trade. For thirteen years he worked for Seymour, Strait & Company, engaged in building cheese factories.

On November 19, 1856, Mr. Sanford was married to Mary Harmon, who was born at Aurora, Ohio. The fifty-first anniversary of their wedding has but recently been celebrated. They have four children, namely: Harmon, deceased, who married Jennie Doyle, also deceased, left two sons, two daughters and a grandchild; Edward, residing at Columbus, married Clara Stover, and they have one son, Edward; Charles R., residing at Hudson, married Jennie Dodge; and Burt Sheldon, residing at Hudson, married Ruth H. Eby, and they have one son, Lawrence Eby. Mr. Sanford votes with the Republican party.

JOHN L. COMSTOCK, one of Richfield Township's retired farmers and substantial, public-spirited citizens, residing on his farm of 103 acres, was born near his present farm, in Summit County, Ohio, September 13, 1842, and is a son of Allen and Lydia (Miller) Comstock.

The father of Mr. Comstock was born at Independence, Cuyahoga County, where he

remained until about the time of his marriage, when he purchased farming land in Richfield Township. During the whole of his active life he engaged in farming and stock dealing. He died in 1856, aged forty years, leaving an estate of 340 acres to his family. He married Lydia Miller and they had nine children, namely: John L., Myron R. and Orrin M., Rosaline C., Laura J., Julia M., Warren E., George E. and Allah E. All are now dead but Rosaline C. and John L.

John L. Comstock obtained a district school and academic education and his occupation since has been farming. When his father's estate was settled he purchased 103 acres of the homestead farm, on which he continued to carry on general farming and bred shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep, until he retired from active life in 1902. His land is well situated and very fertile, producing excellent crops of potatoes, wheat, corn, hay and oats. He kept usually about twenty-five head of cattle. Mr. Comstock carried on operations along modern lines and made use of the best machinery. He was one of the first agriculturists of this neighborhood to see the value of silos and has two on his farm, with dimensions of 12 by 12 and 27 feet deep. His buildings are kept in complete repair and they are substantial and sufficient for the needs of a first-class farm. Mr. Comstock has his farm under rental.

Mr. Comstock married Elizabeth Killefer, who died in 1900, aged fifty-eight years. She was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. They had three children, namely: Allen L., residing at Waynesville, Ohio; and Harley M. and Warren E., both residing at Cleveland. In political sentiment Mr. Comstock is a Republican. He is not a politician, but he has served in township offices as occasions seemed to demand. He taught school two seasons and was director in his district for about forty years in succession, and for many years was president of the Board of Education. He is a member of the Congregational Church and has been one of the trustees.

HARVEY LANCE, who resides on his well-improved farm of eighty-five acres of excellent farming land, situated in Norton Township, Summit County, was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, March 20, 1848, and is a son of George and Eliza Jane (Richards) Lance.

The founder of the Lance family in Ohio was Abraham Lance, the grandfather of Harvey, who came by wagon from Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, when his son George was a child of two years, and settled on a tract of 152 acres in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, on which he died, aged eighty-two years.

George Lance was reared to manhood on the above mentioned farm and succeeded to its possession. He disposed of a portion of this farm, and the remainder comprises the farm of his son Harvey. George Lance married Eliza Jane Richards, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, and was a cousin of John R. Buchtel, who was the founder of Buchtel College at Akron. To the above marriage eleven children were born. George Lance died March 5, 1881, aged sixty-four years, and was survived by his widow until January 5, 1887, her age being sixty-nine years.

Harvey Lance was reared on the old farm settled by his grandfather, and attended the schools in his neighborhood during the period of boyhood. Farming has always been his occupation. In 1879 he was married to Flora Kepler, and they have had five children. Those surviving are: Cleber Leroy, residing in Medina County, Ohio, a machinist, married Bessie Bear, and they have one child, Gladys Opal; Jesse Richard, residing on the home farm; and Myrtle May, residing at home. Those deceased were: Gertrude, who lived but five days, and Roland Earl, who died aged eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance resided at Johnson's Corners for two years following their marriage, Mr. Lance having purchased a farm there which he subsequently sold to Norman Ware. In the spring of 1883 they settled on the farm they now occupy, and in August,

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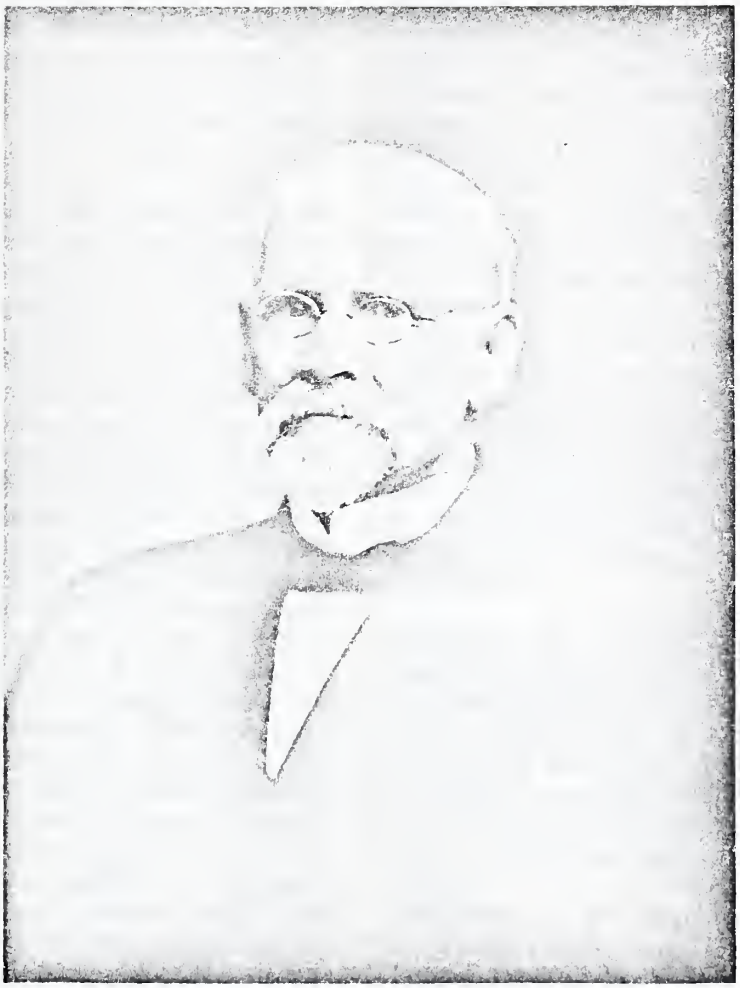

SALEM KILE

1887, they built their present comfortable residence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lance are religious people, Mr. Lance being a member of the Disciples Church and Mrs. Lance and the children of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SALEM KILE, president of the Kile Manufacturing Company, and one of Akron's firmly established business men, was born in 1839, in Canada, but was reared in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where his parents located in 1848. He was one of a family of eleven children.

Mr. Kile attended school during boyhood as opportunity offered, and early became interested in the lumber business. For forty years he engaged in the manufacture of sucker rods for use in the oil regions, and he continued his lumber operations in Ashtabula and Trumbull Counties until 1895, when he came to Akron. At that date they moved the bending works from West Farmington to Akron establishing the Thorpe and Kile Company here, for the manufacture of shafts and poles, the firm name later being changed to Kile and Ford. In the winter of 1902-3 he sold out to the Pioneer Pole and Shaft Company, and in association with his sons, George and William Kile, established the Kile Manufacturing Company, for the manufacturing of hoops, staves and sucker rods. This company has one of the finest bend sawmills in this section, which has a capacity for cutting about 3,000,000 feet of lumber per year. The mill has over 100 names on its pay roll and keeps fifteen teams busy. In addition to the plant at Akron, Mr. Kile and his son George have a plant at Barberton for the manufacture of insulators and electrical supplies. He is interested also in other Akron enterprises, being a stockholder in the Pioneer Pole and Shaft Company and in the People's Savings Bank.

In 1862, Mr. Kile was married to Carolina Heath, and they have a family of six children, namely: Orra, who married E. E. Northway, who is secretary of the Standard Tool Company, of Cleveland; George H. and William L., who are associated with the Kile Manufacturing Company; Flora, who married Dr. Hillman, residing at Akron; Mary J., who married W. H. Lantern, of Shreve, Wayne County, Ohio; and Sarah G., who married Dr. Underwood, residing at Akron.

For a period covering thirty years, Mr. Kile has been an Odd Fellow. From the age of twenty-three years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for thirty-three years was superintendent of a Sunday School. He is president of the Board of Trustees of the Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also president of the Board of Trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association; also a member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Union College Alliance, Ohio. In 1904 he was sent as a delegate from his church to the General Conference at Los Angeles, California, and while in the far West spent two months visiting various points of interest, including the National Park. In September 1907, he was again elected a member of the General Conference to meet in Baltimore in May, 1908. He is a man of sterling character and bears his years lightly. Both his personal and business reputation are unblemished.

GEORGE W. WUCHTER, one of Tallmadge Township's well known citizens, resides on his farm of thirteen and one-fourth acres, which is widely known as a fine stock farm, having much more than a local reputation. Mr. Wuchter was born in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 26, 1848, and is a son of William and Aurilla (Calow) Wuchter.

The father of Mr. Wuchter came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, with his father, John Wuchter, who in early days lived at Stowe Corners. Later he moved to Norton Township, where he owned land and he became a man of substance. He died in 1867, aged seventy-three years. He was twice married. Two sons were born to him and his wife, Mary, namely, William and Eli. The latter lived and died in Norton Township, where his widow still resides.

William Wuchter was a young man when

he accompanied his parents to Norton Township, where he lived many years, finally selling his farm and moving to Johnson's Corners. He died May 30, 1898, aged seventy-five years. He married Aurilla Cahow, who survived until 1905, dying in her seventieth year. Her father brought his family from Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, to Summit County, Ohio, by means of a wagon and an ox-team, and lived to see his fortunes so increased that he could have used any mode of transportation back again that he desired.

From the old homes in Pennsylvania, both the Wuchter and Cahow families brought many articles of household utility, and George W. Wuchter owns and highly prizes a chair that has been in the Cahow family for over 150 years. The children of William and Aurilla (Cahow) Wuchter were: George W., residing in Tallmadge Township; Mary, who married Ephriam Marsh, residing at Dixon, Tennessee; Aurilla, who married Joseph Knecht, residing in the State of Washington; Helen, who married Burt Dilsworth, residing at Barberton; Eli, who married Calista Flickinger, residing at Johnson's Corners; Lottie, who married Charles Heller, residing at Barberton; Lydia, who married Frederick Tincum, residing at Fairlawn; and others who died in infancy.

George W. Wuchter attended the district schools of Norton Township, where he grew to manhood. His occupation has been along agricultural lines and he has become a man of note as a raiser of fine stock. He resided for four years in Green Township, and for a time in Coventry Township, and came to Tallmadge Township in 1879. In 1881 he purchased the farm on which he has resided ever since, which he has vastly improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Wuchter has made a specialty of raising Berkshire hogs, but has stock of all kinds, from imported strains, which he has exhibited at agricultural expositions all over the country, including Buffalo, New York, Detroit, Michigan, the State Fair at Columbus, Ohio, at Wheeling, West Virginia, and other points, and he has taken many premiums. To see his fine stock bearing off the coveted blue ribbon is no new sensation to him. Visitors of note frequently are the guests of Mr. Wuchter, as his farm has an established reputation, but probably no more distinguished ones were ever entertained here than on the occasion when President Roosevelt and Vice President Fairbanks spent an enjoyable half hour with him, while awaiting the train to convey them to the funeral of the late Mrs. McKinley. The visit impressed President Roosevelt so pleasurably that on his return to Washington he hastened to write a letter to Mr. Wuchter, giving expression to his sentiments, and enclosing an autograph-photograph of himself. With a great deal of pride, Mr. Wuchter displays these tokens of the great executive's appreciation, and has both neatly framed.

On November 7, 1871, Mr. Wuchter was married to Sarah Hines, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Henderson) Hines. The father of Mrs. Wuchter died in the army during the Civil War. He was a member of Company F, 85th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The mother of Mrs. Wuchter died when she was four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wuchter have had the following children: William, residing on Buchtel Avenue, Akron, married Mary Klinger, and they have one daughter, Ruth; John M., married Allie Kline, of Akron, residing at home; Bessie, who married John M. Smith, residing at Akron; Lola A., who married Frederick W. Kirk, residing at Youngstown; Arline S., who married Jacob Kuhn, residing at Akron, has one daughter, Alda; and Russell F., residing at home.

HENRY WILLETT HOWE, A. B., M. A.

No history of Summit County would be in any way complete without extended mention of the Howe family, which has been so prominently identified with its growth and development through several generations. An honored representative of this family is found in Henry Willett Howe, residing at Ira, Northampton Township. He was born in

Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, within sight of his present home, June 29, 1828, and is a son of Richard and Roxanna (Jones) Howe.

Richard Howe was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, March 8, 1799. He had but meager educational advantages, as his father died when he was quite young. At the age of ten years he accompanied his mother to Ohio, settling in Franklin County, but her second marriage deprived him of a home. After leaving his mother, he went to live with Lucas Sullivan, a large landowner and a surveyor, and soon made his way into the confidence and esteem of his employer, who provided him with books, which, in those days, were of considerable cost. The boy appreciated what was being done for him and studied hard by the light of the evening fire, acquiring a good knowledge of the elemental facts of learning and also of surveying and engineering, and had his home with Mr. Sullivan until he became of legal age. He then secured work as an engineer in the construction of the Ohio Canal, and while in pursuance of his duties he became well acquainted with William H. Price, the leading engineer on the construction work of the Erie Canal.

This acquaintance developed into friendship and Mr. Price, recognizing the mechanical ability of Mr. Howe, and wishing to assist him, gave him a book containing pencil drafts of work used in the building of the Erie Canal, locks and other mechanical contrivances which had, as yet, never come under Mr. Howe's observation. This book was of inestimable benefit to him. For a period covering thirty years, Mr. Howe was in the employ of the state of Ohio, the connection being severed by his resignation in the spring of 1850, in order to visit California. This was the period of the gold fever, and a company of enthusiasts had been organized to cross the great plains to the golden land, and Mr. Howe was elected captain of this company. He started on the long journey with the horse and sulkey that he had used in his work on the canal, both being well seasoned, and subsequently arrived in California with the horse still alive.

At Sacramento, California, Mr. Howe engaged in a commission business with Samuel A. Wheeler, under the firm name of Wheeler, Howe & Company, he having known Mr. Wheeler in Ohio. He built a warehouse at Lock No. 1, Akron, which he had rented to Mr. Wheeler, who subsequently died in California. Other members of the original party from Ohio either died, fell sick or became discouraged and, as all the responsibility fell on his shoulders, Mr. Howe wisely closed out his interests at Sacramento. Soon after he entered into the employ of the United States government, and much of his work in the way of surveying and engineering proved of the greatest value for years afterward. He ran the base line from Mt. Diablo south to the Pacific Ocean and from that line all lands of the southern half of the state of California are still surveyed. He also laid out and superintended the construction of a mining race for the washing of gold, but finally became wearied of the crude civilization of the far West and longed for the comforts of home, consequently he sold his interests and returned to Ohio. The return journey was made by way of Panama, where he contracted fever, from which he suffered for two years. To name all the important work subsequently done for his native state and particularly for Summit County in the way of his profession, would fill many pages. He was widely known and is still recalled by the older generation as a man of remarkable vitality and ability. He continued to engage in professional duties up to the time of his death. For two years he had charge of Nugent's section of the canal construction, while Mr. Nugent was serving in Congress. He superintended the change in the connection of the lower end of the canal with the Ohio River. In 1825 he bought 400 acres of land where Ira Station on the Valley Railroad is now located, and he also owned eighty acres on Summit Lake, in South Akron. The Howe school building at Akron was named in honor of Richard Howe and his son, Henry Willett Howe, the latter

of whom was a member of the school board for six years, dating from 1852. Richard Howe was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He was a Whig in politics, but no active politician. He died March 19, 1872.

Richard Howe married Roxanna Jones, who died February 14, 1875. She was a daughter of Sylvanus Jones, who was a minute man in the Revolutionary War, married a daughter of Captain Alden Sears, who was a descendant of Priscilla and John Alden, and they settled at Bristol, Ontario County, New York. There Mrs. Howe was born January 18, 1805. She taught school in Bath Township, Summit County, prior to her marriage. There were seven children born to this union, namely: Henry Willett; Charles Richard, who is deceased; Nathan J., who is deceased; Emily Barrett, who married James Ingersoll, residing at Chicago, Illinois; Mary Ann, who married John Wolf, residing at Akron; and two others who are deceased. Both Richard Howe and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Akron appears a beautiful memorial window in honor of Mrs. Howe. For fifty years she was an active worker in church and Sunday school, a lovely Christian woman.

Henry Willett Howe attended the public schools at Akron and also was instructed in his earlier years in select schools chosen by his wise and careful mother, and there he was prepared for Oberlin College, where he was graduated in 1849 in the classical course, with the degrees from this institution of A. B. and M. A. For about two years after the close of his collegiate course he took charge of his father's contracting business while the latter was in California, and then entered upon the study of law with Judge James S. Carpenter. In 1854 he was admitted to the bar and entered into a law partnership with Judge Carpenter, under the firm name of Carpenter & Howe, this association lasting until Judge Carpenter went on the bench, when Mr. Howe continued to practice alone. It was while attending to legal work in connection with certain patents that he became interested in agricultural implements, and subsequently engaged in the manufacture of the same under the firm name of Hawkins & Howe, a partnership which lasted for ten years. In 1870 Mr. Howe bought a manufacturing property at Richfield and entered into partnership with a Mr. Hinman, the firm being Howe & Hinman, which engaged in the manufacture of spokes, handles of all kinds, axles and manufactured lumber, and as his manufacturing business increased Mr. Howe gradually dropped his law practice, thereby regaining the health which close professional work had endangered. After a successful period, he sold his manufacturing interests, and in 1881 he settled on his present farm, which originally contained 200 acres, but has been reduced to 100. For a long time Mr. Howe rented out the larger part of his estate, but in late years he has developed an active interest in raising fine stock. His father brought the first blooded Durham stock into Summit County.

Mr. Howe has been closely connected with all the progressive movements made in this section during the last half century, in educational circles and has been a more or less prominent factor in politics. Originally a Whig and an Abolitionist, he identified himself with the Republican party, but has never been a seeker for political preferment. He served three years as a member of the Akron city council, and in 1852 he was elected a member of the Board of Education at Akron and served six years as its secretary without compensation. He was one of the officials at the laying of the corner stone of the first grammar school of any size and was practically its superintendent. For six years he was county and city examiner of teachers. For about twenty years he served also as a justice of the peace, both in Richfield and Northampton Townships.

Mr. Howe married Isadore C. Bell, who is a daughter of Edwin Bell, of Portland, Connecticut, and three of their four children still survive: Edwin, who is station agent at Ira; Frank Richard, residing at Darrowville, Sum-

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mit County; and Abbey, who is postmaster at Ira.

In 1887 Frank R. Howe bought a small job printing press, making his office in a building on his father's farm, in what is now the postoffice building. His early work was the printing of supplies for school teachers and he carried on his business under the style of the Howe Publishing Company. After his marriage he started a more ambitious business at Darrowville, under the name of the School Publishing Company, which he still continues. His office is equipped with two large cylinder newspaper presses, two job presses, a power paper cutter, folder and binder, all of which are run by a gasoline engine. His publications include a small newspaper, *The Entertainment*, which issues specialties for Friday afternoon exercises at the public schools and thousands of amateur plays. A postoffice has been established at Darrowville, Mr. Howes' brother-in-law, Edward Shirely, being postmaster. Frank R. Howe married Nina Danforth, who is a daughter of Milton Danforth, of Darrowville.

At the age of eighty years, Henry W. Howe is serving in the office of president of the Association of Lincoln Voters.

Mr. Howe joined the Odd Fellows at Akron when a young man, where he also became a Mason. During his residence in Richfield Township he united with the Richfield and Pomona Grange and for fourteen years he was secretary of the Summit County Grange. In 1850 he assisted in organizing the first agricultural fair of Summit County and in the same year was elected a director and for eight years continued to be identified with this enterprise, either as a director or as secretary. In his religious views Mr. Howe is extremely liberal. Personally he is a man of fine presence. Time has treated him kindly as may be seen by his clear eyes, which do not require the help of glasses, his erect stature and the vigor of every faculty.

C. F. CHAPMAN, local manager of the American Sewer Pipe Company at Akron, was born in this city, in 1852, and is a son of the late Edgar T. Chapman, who was an early settler and later one of Akron's most prominent citizens. In early days he was postmaster of Middlebury and later was extensively engaged in the stone-ware manufacturing industry.

C. F. Chapman was reared and educated in Middlebury, now East Akron. After leaving school he learned the pottery business and worked at the stone-ware trade for twelve years. In August, 1881, he became connected with the Akron Iron Company, at Buchtel, Ohio, where he remained until August, 1884. He then became associated with the Akron & Hill Sewer Pipe Company, which in March, 1900, was merged into the American Sewer Pipe Company, since which time he has been local manager. His long experience in this line has made him a very efficient man for the position. He has, besides, other business interests and is one of the representative business men of Akron.

In 1887, Mr. Chapman was married to Mary A. Parker, who is a step-daughter of the late Henry A. Gibbs, of Akron. He and his wife had one son, Parker E., a bright, engaging youth, who died in September, 1903, aged fourteen years. Mr. Chapman is connected with various civic bodies, being an active citizen, and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum.

GEORGE E. LANCE, general farmer and dairyman, residing on his valuable farm of 106 1-2 acres, situated in Northampton Township, was born in Summit County, Ohio, May 22, 1866, and is a son of William and Theodosia S. (Harvey) Lance.

The Lance family came from Pennsylvania to Ohio. George Lance, the grandfather of George E., accompanied his father, the pioneer, to Wayne County. Land that he cleared there still remains in the family. William Lance was born in Wayne County, attended the district schools and engaged in farming. During the Civil War he frequently drove cattle to Pittsburg for the use of the army. In the spring of 1866 he came to Northampton Township, remaining but a few months, when he went to Akron, and for five

years worked in the rolling mills in that city. From there he went to Doylestown, Wayne County, later to Medina County, and then back to Akron, where he lived for about one year before his death, which occurred July 22, 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a man of quiet tastes and sought no political office, but supported the Republican party. William Lance married Theodosia S. Harvey, who still survives. She is a daughter of Eber Harvey, of Wayne County, who emigrated from Pennsylvania in 1857. The following children were born of this marriage: George E., Theodore, Charles, Raymond, Ernest, Clyde, Bessie and Bertie. The mother of this family resides in Northampton Township. She is a member of the Disciples Church.

George E. Lance attended school through boyhood wherever the family home was located and remained under the household roof until his marriage. For the first six following years he worked in the Diamond Match factory at Akron, and since then has been engaged in farming. In 1896 he rented a farm in Northampton Township for three years and then bought his present place. Here he cultivates about sixty acres, paying especial attention to wheat and corn, and pastures seven cows, selling his milk to the creamery at Peninsula. In early manhood George E. Lance was married to Emma R. Stinson, who is a daughter of Wesley and Kate Stinson, of Litchfield, Ohio, and they have six children, namely: Edna, who married William Sapp, of Northampton; and Claude, Irvin, Guy, Arthur and Frieda, residing at home. The family belong to the Disciples Church at Everett, Mr. Lance being one of the trustees. He is a member of the order of Maccabees, at Peninsula.

ALBERT H. BILL, M. D., physician and surgeon at Cuyahoga Falls, is one of the leading professional men of this place, where he was born January 26, 1851. He is a son of Henry W. and Harriet E. (Butler) Bill.

Dr. Bill comes of fine old New England ancestry on both sides. The Bill generations can be easily traced to the great-grandfather, Solomon Bill, who was a great scholar. He taught navigation and higher mathematics in a Connecticut seat of learning. John Bill, grandfather of Dr. Bill, was born at Middletown, Connecticut, and was a son of Solomon and Mary (Sizer) Bill. He died at Charlestown, Portage County, Ohio, in 1844, aged seventy-five years. He married Fannie Rogers, who died before he came west in 1833. He was a strong Baptist and a very devout man. It is remembered how he maintained Bible reading and family prayers in his home. From him many of his descendants inherited their gift of song.

Henry W. Bill, father of Dr. Bill, was born at Middletown, Connecticut, where, in early life he started in the machine business. The destruction of his plant by fire caused him to turn his attention to the West, and about 1833 he accompanied his brother, Asa G., to Cuyahoga Falls. They began business together on the river, opposite the plant of Turner, Vaughn and Taylor, under the firm name of A. G. Bill and Brother, establishing a foundry and machine business, and built it up until it was the largest of its kind in that part of the country, running their plant night and day. They manufactured paper mill machinery mainly, and during the time they were in business they, with others, started the first steam paper-making plant in Cleveland. They were the inventors of the first barrel-making machines. The brothers were associated in business for many years, but finally, Henry W. withdrew. He was a very well known man. Nature had gifted him in music and he was at home with almost any instrument, playing the bugle and clarinet with skill. These instruments he played in the old pioneer Portage County band. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; his wife was a Congregationalist. He died aged seventy-four years. Henry W. Bill and wife had two children, viz.: Alice B., who is the widow of George Dow, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; and Albert H.

Dr. Bill was educated in the schools of his native place. His medical education was pur-

sued under the direction of Dr. C. M. Fitch, of Chicago, Illinois, after which he entered Rush Medical College, where he was graduated in 1875. Since then he has been engaged in general practice at Cuyahoga Falls. Dr. Bill married Isabella Fitch, who is a daughter of Dr. C. M. Fitch, a noted physician and surgeon, of Chicago, and they have one son, Kenneth, who graduated in 1907 at the Cuyahoga Falls High School. Mrs. Bill is a member of the Congregational Church. Politically, Dr. Bill is a Republican. He is very prominent in fraternal circles, especially in the order of Knights of Pythias. He has passed all the chairs in Pavonia Lodge, is past deputy grand chancellor of the Twenty-fifth District and has the Grand Lodge rank. He has several Pythian offices in the Uniform Rank and is assistant regimental surgeon. He is connected also with other organizations.

ULYSSES F. HOURIET. In the death of Ulysses F. Houriet, which occurred June 28, 1904, Summit County, Ohio, lost a young man of brilliant parts, one whose business success and personal popularity had made his name a familiar one all through Northeastern Ohio. He was born at Canal Fulton, Stark County, Ohio, May 25, 1868, and was a son of Floriant and Catherine (Miller) Houriet.

The Houriet family came to America from Switzerland. In that land of magnificent mountain scenery, Floriant Houriet was born at St. Imier, Canton of Bern, March 17, 1834. His father, Victor Houriet, was known in his native land as a jeweler of great skill. Victor married Zeline Flotron, a member of the celebrated Flotron watch-making firm of Switzerland, and the name of that family may yet be seen engraved on the case of many fine, old Swiss watches of a half century ago. Three children were born to Victor Houriet and wife, namely: Emil, who became a prominent watch-maker and jeweler at Charleston, Illinois; Floriant, residing at Kenmore, Summit County; and Paul, of Massillon, Ohio, whose tastes led him in the direction of mechanics.

In 1848 Victor Houriet emigrated to America with his family, investing in farming land near Utica, New York, where he lived until 1852. He then sold his property there and removed to Wayne County, Ohio, purchasing a farm near Mt. Eaton. Before making his third and last trip to Switzerland Victor Houriet had engaged successfully in business in America, and had become attached to the land where he saw his sons prospering, but he could not reconcile himself to the thought of dying in any place beyond the shadows of his native mountains. When he bade his last farewell to his family he asserted that he would never again cross the ocean, and his premonition proved true, for his death followed soon after this return to his native land. His wife had died in 1876 at the home of her son, Floriant, at Canal Fulton.

Floriant Houriet was fourteen years old when he came to America, and he well recalls the long passage of forty-four days' duration. He has never gone back to the little Swiss village, of which he has a picture, which was given his father, and which he treasures highly. The schools of Switzerland and Germany are justly noted for their efficiency. He was thoroughly instructed in both countries, and when he came to the United States had command of three languages. He no longer had time to go to school, but up to 1858 he worked steadily on farms in Ohio, going then to Illinois, where he continued to farm until the outbreak of the Civil War. He then returned to Ohio in order to enter the army from that state. In 1861 he enlisted for three months in the Twenty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, becoming a member of Company H, the survivors of which still proudly call it "McKinley's Regiment." Mr. Houriet was a young man well informed on public questions and during his residence in Illinois had heard Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas discuss the public matters, and had been much impressed and had made up his mind concerning his choice of leaders.

When his first term of enlistment expired Mr. Houriet re-enlisted for three years, but was honorably discharged on account of dis-

ability, after a service of eighteen months. During this period he was detailed to carry messages to General Rosecrans, his command of the German language making him very useful in this capacity. He participated in a number of battles before he was disabled and on all occasions bore himself as a brave and faithful soldier. After his return to Ohio he worked in a coal mine at Canal Fulton, but found this too hard labor, and, therefore, embarked in a grocery business at Canal Fulton, which he continued to operate with success until 1883. During this period he had been buying small tracts of land within the corporate limits of the town, which land he still owns. In 1903 he came to Kenmore, and in 1903 he purchased the residence in which the family resides, an elegant home, where the late Ulysses Houriet resided at the time of his death.

Floriant Houriet married Catherine Miller, who was born May 18, 1840, in Germany, and accompanied her parents to America in 1852, when she was a girl of twelve years. They were Lawrence and Elizabeth (Bott) Miller. Her father died in 1879. Six children were born to Floriant and Catherine Houriet as follows: Edward, who died in infancy; Ulysses F.; Mary, who is a teacher in the public schools of Akron; Willie, who died aged three years; Zelina, who married Edward Richert, and has one child; Paul; and Elsie, who fills the position of bookkeeper in the South Akron Bank. All the children were born at Canal Fulton, graduated from the schools of that place, and all who survived infancy, with the exception of the youngest, have taught school.

Floriant Houriet is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and he accompanied his old regiment to Washington city to be present at the inauguration of the late President McKinley, their beloved comrade. He is a member of the Reformed Church, while Mrs. Houriet and the children are members of the Lutheran Church.

Of the above mentioned family, the late Ulysses F. Houriet was the beloved and admired son and brother. In his childhood he was noted for his quick, intelligence and his genial, happy nature and, after completing his time at school, he was gladly accepted as a teacher and very soon was made superintendent of the township schools, subsequently becoming the principal of the High School at Norton Center. He remained in the educational field from 1887 until 1895, in the meanwhile spending some of his summers at Valparaiso College, Indiana. In 1895 he made a bicycle tour through Florida, visiting many interesting points outside the line of ordinary travel. When he returned it was to find the heated McKinley campaign agitating Summit and adjoining counties, and he immediately began to stump the country for the leader of the party, in this capacity visiting almost every part of Summit County, and making friends wherever he went. Many still recall him standing on the street corners in interested conversation, surrounded by his farmer friends, speaking first in English and then in German, being greatly gifted as an elocutionist. After his bicycle trip to Florida Mr. Houriet made one to St. Louis using the same wheel, pausing at many places to address gatherings of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which organization he was greatly interested. He was prominent as a member of the building committee of the association at Akron, and was one of its directors.

For a few months in 1896 he was connected with the New York Life Insurance Company, later becoming associated with the late Noah Steiner in the real estate business. He had much to do with the rapid disposal of the White City allotment in 1898. At that time Mr. Steiner was pushing the claims of the Pathfinder order and Mr. Houriet became interested and joined the organization as its thirteenth member. He later began to organize lodges, many of which are among the most prosperous of this beneficiary organization, notably the "Co-hoction." After the death of Mr. Steiner, Mr. Houriet was elected in 1901 as president and assumed the command of the order. For some time he was active as manager of the company, which

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began laying out and building up Kenmore, and Mr. Steiner's death threw the whole business into Mr. Houriet's capable hands. It was about this time that he moved into the present beautiful family residence, which later became the property of his father. Mr. Houriet never married. He died in Akron, Ohio, June 28, 1904.

CHARLES G. LUTZ, who is engaged in a general contracting business at Barberton, is one of the substantial citizens of Norton Township, of which he was elected a trustee in 1905. Mr. Lutz was born in Wayne County, Ohio, July 15, 1868, and is a son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Eitonmiller) Lutz. In his boyhood, the parents of Mr. Lutz removed from the farm on which he was born, to Marshallville, where the father followed the business of carpet weaving. He attended the schools of Marshallville until about seventeen years of age, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he subsequently followed as a livelihood, six years later going into contracting. In March, 1897, he came to Barberton, since which time he has been very busily engaged, and has erected a number of the finest business blocks in the place, notably the Rodenbaugh Block, which was completed in 1906, the McKenna Block, in 1904, and the Henry Block, in 1907. He keeps from two to ten men employed.

At Marshallville, in the spring of 1893, Mr. Lutz was married to Catherine Yeakley, who died March 28, 1901, leaving three children—Karl, Irene and Edna. Mr. Lutz was married (second) to Mrs. Flora (Houtz) Heller, who was the widow of Jacob Heller, and they have one child, Nola. Mr. Lutz is a member of the Reformed Church at Barberton. In politics he is a Democrat and has always taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs.

GEORGE GRETHER. Among the representative agriculturists of Northampton Township may be mentioned George Grether, who owns a fine farm of 100 acres. He was born at Akron, Ohio, September 2, 1853, and is a son of John George and Elizabeth (Dice) Grether.

John George Grether was born in Baden, Germany, in 1822, and there learned the trade of wagon-maker. He was about thirty years old when he came to America, and on locating at Akron he entered the employ of his brother Jacob, who was in business there. Mr. Grether then went to Jackson's Corners, where he worked a rented farm for some years, after which he purchased a lot on what is now West Exchange Street, Akron, and during the Civil War he worked at his trade. In 1887 he purchased the farm now owned by George Grether, and here his death occurred in his sixty-seventh year. Mr. Grether was married to Elizabeth Dice, and she now makes her home with her only son, George Grether. She is seventy-eight years old. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grether: George and Ernest Frederick, the latter of whom died when twenty-one years of age.

George Grether attended the public schools, after which he learned the trade of chain-maker, which he followed for fourteen years, and which he finds of much value to him in farm work, as with this knowledge he can do all his own blacksmith work. He now gives his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, and raises and fattens calves for the market, also selling many chickens and eggs. Mr. Grether was for five years a member of the Sixth Ohio Battery, Eighth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, for three years of which time he was corporal.

Mr. Grether was married to Pauline Dice, who is a daughter of Martin Dice, of Akron, and they have had seven children, six of whom survive, namely: Louisa, who is the wife of Fred Shumaker, of Cleveland; Otto Frederick, who lives in Akron; Charles George William, who resides in Copley Township; and Edward, Frank Herbert and Ruth Marie Elizabeth.

S. C. McGOWAN, junior member of the firm of McGarry & McGowan, prominent contractors and leading citizens of Akron, has spent the major part of his business life

here, coming to this city in 1868. Mr. McGowan was born in 1857, in New Jersey, and is a son of Charles McGowan, who was an early contractor at Akron, and concerned in selecting sewer pipe clay and working for the Buckeye Sewer Pipe Company.

S. C. McGowan's early life was spent on the farm of Miss Louise Sumner, after which he entered the employ of David R. Paige, who was engaged in a hardware and general contracting business, remaining there for twenty-five years. During nine years of this period Mr. McGowan was with Mr. Paige in the city of New York, working on the contract of constructing the Croton aqueduct. Mr. Paige was called to Africa, and after his departure, Mr. McGowan built the piers for the suburban elevated road from the Harlem River to Tremont. With Mr. Paige he built the Guttenberg race track and was concerned in many other large jobs in that city. He was connected with D. C. Coolman and Page & Carey when they built the Ohio River Railroad from Wheeling to Parkersburg, West Virginia, between the years 1882-1886. After his return to Akron, in 1890, Mr. McGowan entered into partnership with Daniel McGarry, under the firm name of McGarry & McGowan, and they do a general contracting business second to no other in this section. A contract is being carried out at the present writing (1907), which includes the putting in of a complete sewer system for the city of Ravenna, extending some ten or twelve miles. The firm has done a great deal of street paving and the work is well done, it being the aim of this firm to excel in all that it undertakes. Mr. McGowan is interested in other enterprises, and is ranked with the city's substantial business men.

In 1902 Mr. McGowan was married to Amelia Wohlwend. He is a consistent member of St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church. He belongs to the organization known the world over as the Knights of Columbus. While not accepting office for himself, Mr. McGowan takes a lively interest in politics and is a loyal supporter of his friends.

WILLIAM E. MARTIN, a representative citizen of Summit County, Ohio, who is one of the heirs to the undivided estate of his father, a desirable farm in Northfield Township, located on the State Road, was born in Northfield Township, December 14, 1861, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sodon) Martin.

Henry Martin, who was born in Sowham, England, was engaged in market gardening there with his father until coming to America. He started to this country with his first wife and seven children, but on the voyage to the new home five of his children and his wife died of smallpox. Having friends in Northfield Township, Mr. Martin at once located here and for two or three years worked by the day. In 1864 he rented several farms which he operated until 1874, in which year he purchased the farm now owned by William E. Martin, and here carried on general farming until his death, in December, 1899, at the age of eighty-six and one-half years. Mr. Martin was married (second) to Elizabeth Sodon, who was born in England, and was a daughter of John Sodon, and to this union there were born six children: William E.; Mary, who is the wife of Jacob Ritchie, of Northfield Township; Hannah Emily, who married Lewis Whitcomb, of Northfield Township; Elizabeth Jennie, who married James Rees, of Bedford Township; Minnie B.; and Rachel L., who is the wife of Benjamin Myers, of Northfield Township. The mother of these children died in June, 1906, aged seventy-one years, in the faith of the United Presbyterian Church, of which the family were all members. Mr. Martin was a Democrat in politics, but never sought public office.

William E. Martin was educated in the public schools of Northfield Township, and his life has always been spent on the farm on which he now lives. This is a well-kept, fertile property in the northern part of the township, situated on the State Road, and being near Cleveland. Mr. Martin has always engaged more or less in truck farming. His principal crops, however, are hay, wheat,

corn and oats. Mr. Martin was married to Edith Smith, who is the daughter of Samuel Smith, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Martin is a devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH R. MELL, senior member of the well known insurance firm of J. R. Mell & Son, at Akron, is also a veteran of the Civil War, one whose long and arduous service entitles him to the honorable and grateful consideration of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Mell was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, where he was educated and remained until he was sixteen years of age, when he moved to Portage County.

Among the first young men of Portage County to come forward in defense of the Union was Joseph R. Mell, who, as a private, entered Company K, Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entering April 22, 1861. During the three months of this first enlistment he saw hard service in West Virginia and participated in the battle of Rich Mountain. After its expiration he returned to Summit County, Ohio, but the call of his country was again too strong to permit him to settle down in safety to peaceful pursuits, and he re-enlisted for a period of three years, on February 20, 1862, entering Company K, Sixty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was organized at Camp Chase. This regiment returned the young soldier to the scene of his former exploits in West Virginia, where it remained under the command of General Fremont until July, 1862, when it was sent to join General Pope's army at Culpeper Court House. Then followed the second battle of Bull Run, then Chancellorville, followed by the Gettysburg campaign, at this time the regiment being a part of the Eleventh Army Corps. On the second day of the fight at Gettysburg Mr. Mell was captured on Culp's Hill and was taken to Richmond, where he was held a prisoner of war until the spring of 1865, being paroled just at the close of the war. From the ranks he was again and again promoted for personal valor, climbing from private to orderly sergeant, then to second lieutenant in 1863. During his confinement in prison he was promoted to be first lieutenant, and still later to the rank of captain, as which, however, he was never mustered in.

Captain Mell returned to Summit County after being released from the Confederate prisons, and as soon as he was sufficiently recuperated, engaged in a hotel business, which he conducted for three years, and then came to Akron. He entered the employ of the Aultman-Miller Company, with which corporation he continued to be associated for twenty-one years. Since then he has been engaged in a general insurance business in partnership with his son, Cloyd W., under the firm name of J. R. Mell & Son. In 1895 Mr. Mell was elected councilman at large, an office he filled for about nine months, which he resigned to accept the appointment of court bailiff.

On August 30, 1865, Mr. Mell was married to Sabina V. Koons, who is a daughter of Jonas Koons, and a granddaughter of Henry Koons, who came to Summit County from Allentown, Pennsylvania, among the earliest settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Mell have four surviving children, namely: Marvin M., residing at Akron, engaged in a flour and feed business; Todd J., residing at Youngstown, where he is manager of the automobile tire department of the Republic Rubber Company; Wade B., residing at Havana, Cuba, engaged in a brokerage business; and Cloyd W., of the firm of J. R. Mell & Son. For twenty-five years Mr. Mell has been an official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is past commander of Buckley Post, No. 12, G. A. R.

GEORGE T. WHITMORE, treasurer and general manager of the Granite Clay Company, of Akron, has been a resident of Mogadore since 1902, and is an experienced man in his line of business. He was born at East Liverpool, Ohio, January 1, 1858, and is a son of Richard and Emma (Robinson) Whitmore.

The parents of Mr. Whitmore were natives of Staffordshire, England. The father came

to America and settled in Wisconsin, in 1847, removing from there to East Liverpool, where he lived until 1857, when he located at Akron, where he died in February, 1898, aged seventy-nine years. He was a potter by trade. The mother accompanied her parents when they crossed the Atlantic Ocean and settled at East Liverpool, where she was married. The following children were born to Richard Whitmore and wife: Elizabeth, William H., Maria H., George T., John A., James B., Emma H. and Earl. The mother of these children died in July, 1870, aged thirty-seven years.

George T. Whitmore was reared at Akron and graduated from the High School of that city in 1876, later entered Buchtel College, where he remained for two years, leaving in 1880 to accept the position of shipping clerk with Whitmore, Robinson & Company. He continued to fill that position for one year and then entered into partnership with Cook & Fairbanks, which firm was later known as Cook, Fairbanks & Company, manufacturers of stoneware, remaining in that connection until 1889. After severing his business relations with the above company, Mr. Whitmore was one of the organizers of the Summit Sewer Pipe Company and remained with that concern for eleven years. In 1899 he went to the City of Mexico, as general manager of the Mexico Clay Manufacturing Company, and remained in that capacity one year and then returned to Akron.

Mr. Whitmore is a man of too much business activity to remain quiescent for any length of time, and shortly after his return from the South, he organized the Granite Clay Company, with which he has been identified ever since. The plant is located at Mogadore and the capacity is 2,000 car loads annually. Employment is given to ninety men. The business was incorporated in 1900, with C. H. Palmer, president; T. A. Palmer, vice-president; G. T. Whitmore, treasurer and general manager; and W. N. Palmer, secretary. The business is capitalized at $250,000.

Mr. Whitmore was married April 22, 1885, to May Peckham, who is a daughter of Thomas and Agnes Peckham, and was reared and educated at Akron, where she graduated from the High School in the class of 1880. They have four children, three daughters and one son, namely: Agnes Emma, Marion P., Elizabeth and George T., Jr.

Fraternally, Mr. Whitmore belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Maccabees, being identified with the former order at Akron and the latter at Mogadore. In politics he is a Republican and he was elected to the city council, of Akron, in which he served one year as president. During 1887 and 1888 he served as treasurer of the Republican Central Committee. He has been active in county politics since he was twenty-one years of age. Mr. Whitmore's father was one of the pioneers in the clay industry in Summit County and it has formed a leading feature of the son's successful business career. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore reside in a beautiful residence which he erected after coming to Mogadore to make this place his permanent home. He is a man of pleasing personality, frank, friendly and sincere, and possesses the business capacity, good judgment and foresight to make successful both social and business aspiration. He is identified with the various charities and with the civic organizations which promote the general welfare.

EDWARD A. McCHESNEY, who is a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Summit County, was born on the farm in Springfield Township, on which he still resides, March 30, 1848, and is a son of William and Louisa (Gressard) McChesney.

William McChesney was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to this part of Ohio. They were John and Martha (Laramore) McChesney, the former of whom had come in boyhood to America, settling with his parents in Pennsylvania, where other Irish emigrants had formed a colony. There were five children

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born to John McChesney and wife, namely: John Leslie, Andrew, Mary, Margaret and William.

The parents of Edward A. McChesney were married in Coventry Township, Summit County, where the mother was born in 1825. She was a daughter of Peter Frederick Gressard, who served as a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte. He came to America and settled in Summit County, where his last years were spent. His children were: Catherine, Louisa, Eugenia and Rosalie, twins; Frederick and Charles. One daughter, Rosalie, who is Mrs. Bruot, survives and resides on Fir Street, Akron. To William and Louisa McChesney were born the following children: Edward A.; William H., residing in Springfield Township, married Lucy Thompson; Flora A., residing at Akron, is the wife of G. L. Sypher; Herman G., residing at Akron, married Lucy Wright; and Frederick W., residing in Springfield Township, married Nettie Yerrick. The father died in 1905, aged eighty-nine years, and the mother in 1900, aged seventy-five years.

Edward A. McChesney was reared on the present farm and was educated in the district schools. He carries on mixed farming and dairying on his forty-seven acres of excellent land, which is mainly looked after by his son. For the past thirty years Mr. McChesney has been engaged in building and contracting, working all over Summit County.

Mr. McChesney was married in 1873 to Sarah Wise, who is a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Rahber) Wise, and they have had three children: Gertrude, who is deceased; May, who married Charles Roeger, have one son, Milford Glenn; and Dwight, who manages the home farm. Politically, the McChesneys are identified with the Republican party.

AUGUST BLESSMAN, treasurer of the Klages Coal and Ice Company, of Akron, has been a resident of this city for a period of twenty-five years. He was born in Germany, in 1857, and was reared and educated there. In 1882 he came to America, shortly afterward locating at Akron. Here he embarked in a coal business, for the first five years working for Mr. Klages, and then, in partnership with Mr. McCue, bought the business. In 1887 the firm name was changed to H. Klages & Co., and when it was incorporated in 1890, it became the Klages Coal and Ice Company, with a capital stock of $50,000. At that time it was dealing largely in ice, having bought out two other companies. In 1895 the Klages Company built an ice plant for the manufacture of artificial ice, it having a capacity of fifteen tons daily, and it completely changed the conditions of the ice business in this city. Since then it has been found necessary to enlarge the plant and the output is now seventy-five tons daily, employment being given to forty men. The present officers are: P. E. Werner, president; A. Blessman, treasurer; L. Klages, secretary, and H. W. Haupt, superintendent.

In 1887, Mr. Blessman was married to Lillie Fisher of Akron, and they have three children—Matilda, M. Freda, and Walter B. Mr. Blessman is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter, and Commandery at Akron; also to the Odd Fellows' organization in this city. He is numbered with the successful business men of Akron and is a valued representative citizen.

CHANCY SALISBURY, a highly respected resident of Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, who was born on the farm on which he lives, where he has seventy-eight acres of valuable land, is one of the older agriculturists of this section. His birth took place March 10, 1830, and he is a son of William and Sylvia (Atrill) Salisbury.

Both parents of Mr. Salisbury were born in New York state. William Salisbury came to Bath Township in 1827, where he remained a year assisting settlers to clear their land and begin its cultivation. He found the country so desirable that he decided to establish here a home of his own and made the long journey back to his native place in order to marry. The young couple bravely started in a belated April snow storm, but the

snow melted before they had covered the distance and they completed their journey to the new home in a wagon. William Salisbury built a modest log house on his land, having bought seventy-five acres of the present farm, and then began its clearing and subsequent improvement. At a later date he bought forty-five acres on the opposite side of the road. He and wife lived on this farm during the remainder of their lives, dying honored and esteemed in their community. William Salisbury's death took place April 8, 1868; his wife died February 24, 1867. They had seven children, the three survivors now being: John, residing in Wisconsin, aged seventy-nine years; Chancy, who has reached his seventy-seventh year; and William, residing in California, who is aged seventy-one years. Those deceased are: Olive, who was the wife of Joseph Manly; Peter, Mary and Russell.

Chancy Salisbury has devoted his life more or less to pursuits pertaining to the farm which he assisted in the strength of youth to clear. His opportunities for attending school were meager, but having spent much time in travel, he is, in some important respects, one of the best-informed men in his neighborhood. He has made ten trips to Wisconsin, three to Iowa, three to Michigan and two to New York, and once in the space of six weeks, he visited thirteen states.

Mr. Salisbury married Maria Hopkins. Having no children of their own, they opened their hearts to two little girls, Jennie and Nancy Lambight, who grew up under their protection and have married well. Jennie married William Wolf and they have seven children—Sherman, Ida, Howard, Alba, Carrie, Earl and Maud. Nancy married Adam Wolf, and they live at Hammond's Corners, while Mr. and Mrs. William Wolf reside with Mr. Salisbury. Mrs. Salisbury died in June, 1891. She was an estimable woman and good Christian. In politics, Mr. Salisbury is a Republican and on that ticket he was elected township trustee. He is a member of the Disciples Church, of which for several years he was treasurer.

CHARLES W. JAQUITH, who owns a fine farm of seventy-three acres, of well improved land in Coventry Township, was born in a log cabin in Medina County, Ohio, and is a son of William Henry and Margaret J. (Hunt) Jaquith, and a grandson of Josiah Jaquith.

Josiah Jaquith, Sr., great-grandfather of Charles W., came to Ohio from Vermont in 1829, and settled on a 100-acre tract in the northern part of Wadsworth Township, Medina County, building a little log hut on the east side of the "Big Spring." Later, in 1831, Josiah Jaquith, Jr., the grandfather of Charles W., and his family, followed here and located on the same farm, making the trip in true pioneer style, with ox teams, it taking six weeks. The newcomers erected a larger log cabin of white wood, hewn on one side, the floor being of oak puncheons. For a number of years the Jaquiths made potash here, which was hauled through the woods to Pittsburg. The land was cleared and a number of orchards set out, probably the first in the county, and Josiah Jr., received the west half of the property. This land, which had been purchased from a Mr. O'Brien for $3.00 per acre is now some of the most valuable property in Medina County. Here Josiah Jr., died July 30, 1842.

William Henry Jaquith, father of Charles W., was born at Saint Albans, Vermont, July 6, 1827, and made the trip with the family to Ohio, growing up in the woods of Medina County, where he experienced all the hardships of pioneer days. In his younger days Mr. Jaquith did little farming, having learned the shoemaking and coopering trades, and also teaching school for a short time. In the spring of 1865 he went to Johnson's Corners, Summit County, Ohio, and took charge of a grist mill for a Mr. Shaw, where he remained six years, and from 1871 to 1879 he conducted the New Portage House, at New Portage. He also kept an apiary at New Portage, and sold honey, hives, bees, etc., but in 1883 gave up this business, and purchased the present farm of Charles W. Jaquith, where both he and his wife died.

On March 24, 1850, Mr. Jaquith was mar-

ried to Margaret J. Hunt, who was a daughter of John Hunt, who came from Union County, Pennsylvania, and purchased the old Jaquith home place. Mr. Jaquith died January 2, 1887, and his wife May 21, 1907. They were the parents of five children, namely: Mary E., who married J. H. Miller; Charles Wesley; Ella, deceased, who married N. Van Hyning; Henrietta, who died young; and William J., deceased.

Charles W. Jaquith spent his boyhood days in Medina County, and attended the district schools of his native locality. When about ten years of age he left Medina County with the family, and went to Summit County, later however returning to Wadsworth to attend the Mennonite College, learning to read and write in German. When a young man he helped his father in the mill at Johnson's Corners, and later taught singing in New Portage and the vicinity, being choir leader for many years. On account of poor health, Mr. Jaquith went to Michigan, locating for a while on a fruit farm in the western part of the State, and spending his winters in a lumber camp. In 1883 he returned to Summit County, Ohio, being beater engineer for two years with the Straw Board Company, at New Portage. In the spring of 1885 he came to his present property, of which he became the owner soon after. He has been engaged in general farming since that time.

On May 16, 1883, Mr. Jaquith was married to Fannie Cady, who was born on a farm in Boone County, Illinois, and is a daughter of F. R. and Nancy (Schlellenger) Cady. F. R. Cady, who is still well preserved in spite of his eighty-two years, is serving as a county coroner in Michigan, where he has been a justice of the peace for many years. He resides at South Haven, where his wife's death occurred. They were the parents of five children, namely: Ida and Flora, deceased; Fannie, the wife of Mr. Jaquith; Jennie, and Allen, who belongs to the live-saving crew. Mrs. Jaquith taught school near South Haven for three years. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jaquith, namely: William E., a machinist of Barberton, and a member of the Odd Fellows; and Bessie F. Mr. Jaquith is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the School Board since 1896. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Portage.

JACOB A. SNYDER, residing at his beautiful home at No. 197 High Street, Barberton, is a worthy representative of one of the old and honorable pioneer families of Summit County, which has been established here since 1818. Jacob Augustus Snyder was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 16, 1845, in the old log house in which the family lived until he was fourteen years old. His parents were George M. and Mary Ann (Rex) Snyder.

George M. Snyder was born in Pennsylvania, in 1814, and was four years old when the family came to Ohio. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Bachman) Snyder, who left Pennsylvania with their loaded wagons and ox-teams and made their slow way across the mountains and through the uncleared forests until they reached Summit County. They settled in Green Township, erecting a primitive log cabin, in which they lived during the remainder of their lives which reached into old age. They had numerous children, some of whom succumbed to the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but twelve reached maturity, as follows: Peter Joshua; George M.; Elizabeth, who married (first) a Mr. Hoobler and (second) Samuel Messer; Sophia, who married (first) George Tritt and (second) a Mr. Babb; Jacob, Daniel; Paul, residing in Starke County, Indiana; Joel; Abraham, residing in Green Township, Summit County; Jonathan; and Nathaniel, residing in Green Township. The survivors of the above family are Paul, Abraham and Nathaniel. The children took after their parents, being large of frame and of robust constitution.

George M. Snyder was reared on the pioneer farm and assisted in its clearing. His educational chances were few, school houses were far apart and in so large a family

there was always work ready for every hand. He learned the mason's trade and worked at it during the season, helped to farm and in the winter, assisted to work the old loom, weaving cloth. His marriage did not make much difference in his employments, merely transferring them to another place, for those were days when everything was hand-made and there was little leisure for any one. Occasionally he would take his gun and go out for game, which was then very plentiful, and would shoot deer, turkeys and bear, and on one occasion a wild hog. His son still preserves a dangerous-looking tooth, which was one of its defensive weapons. After his children had grown up he settled down to farming, purchasing 125 acres of the land on which the village of Snydertown now stands, and he owned property also at Barberton. He was a man who was well known all through this section. He died at the age of seventy-eight years.

George M. Snyder was married (first) to Catherine Harter, who was a daughter of Jacob Harter, one of the pioneers in the neighborhood of Barberton. Mrs. Snyder died and left three children: Henry, and George and Catherine, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Snyder was married (second) to Mary Ann Rex, who was a daughter of Jacob Rex. She died in 1871, aged forty-three years, the mother of fourteen children. They were as follows: Eliza Jane, who died in infancy; Jacob; Sadie, who married Harry Deisem; Daniel W.; Mary, who married Dr. Anderson; Lewis; Thomas J.; Lucy, who died in infancy; William; Inez, who married L. Horner; Evelyna, who married H. Pontius; Emma, who married William Stott; and two younger children who died in infancy.

Jacob Augustus Snyder was fourteen years old when his parents moved to the farm on which they spent many years, and he attended the district schools, making his home with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age. In the meantime, from the age of twenty-one, he taught school for about four years, at New Portage and Mount Hope, and for one year in Lee County, Illinois. He also operated a groecry store at Akron, in partnership with Henry Deisem, on the corner of High and Church Streets, for about one year. Mr. Snyder was able to see many business possibilities and took advantage of a number of them. In association with K. How, he operated an old horse-power threshing machine for some four years, doing a good business. Then he worked for one summer in the Baughman stone quarry, after which he learned to be a telegrapher, although he never put this knowledge to any practical end.

Mr. Snyder then concluded to visit his uncle who lived in Illinois, and worked on his farm for a time. He later accepted a school and taught in Lee County, where he made many friends. In the following spring he took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College and then became bookkeeper for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which was extending its line between Defiance, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Snyder worked for two years in Indiana for this corporation, and after the great Chicago fire, which, for a time, interrupted business with that city, he went out as foreman of the Railroad Construction Company to Kentucky. After a time he returned to Summit County and for a short time was associated with Morris Young in a butchering business.

After his marriage, Mr. Snyder settled on his present farm, which he purchased from Henry Swiggert, and has devoted considerable attention to growing berries and trucking. He has been largely interested for many years in contracting. The stone for the building of the strawboard works came from his farm. He has probably built more cellars than any man in Summit County, furnishing the stone from his own quarries. He built the Barberton & Western Railroad road bed and also one mile of track from the sewer pipe company's plant to the clay pit. He has done a large amount of grading and has filled many contracts for William A. Johnston. He also carried on a successful florist business.

In 1878, Mr. Snyder was married (first)

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to Catherine Blinn, who died in 1891. She was a daughter of Christopher Blinn. In 1892, Mr. Snyder was married (second) to Mrs. Minerva (Freeman) Young, who was the widow of A. J. Young, and a daughter of Asa and Catherine (Wolfred) Freeman. She had three children, namely: Lubert, who died aged seventeen years; Grace, who married (first) Dell Acres, and (second) Benjamin Eby, and has two children, Hazel and Farrell; and Clarence, who married Nona Fink. He purchased Mr. Snyder's greenhouses and continues in the florist business.

When Mr. Snyder retired from active life, he purchased a place at Barberton, on which there stood a residence. This he has completely remodeled and made into a modern home. The surroundings are tasteful, particularly the arrangement and choice of shrubs, which Mr. Snyder set out himself.

Politically, Mr. Snyder is a Democrat and has frequently held township offices. He is secretary and a stockholder in the Lakewood Cemetery Association, of which he was one of the organizers. Prior to its disbanding, he was a member and master workman in the order of American Mechanics. Both he and his wife, as well as their son Clarence, are members of the beneficiary order of Pathfinders. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Snyder has served as a trustee for a long period. Few men of this section are better or more favorably known.

HON. GUSTAVUS SEIBERLING, who has been mayor of Western Star for the past fourteen years and a county commissioner of Summit County since 1905, was born June 19, 1854, on the farm in Norton Township, on which he still resides.

The father of Mr. Seiberling was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in 1811, and came to Summit County and settled in Norton Township when the entire country was an uncleared wilderness. He bought eighty acres of land which he cleared, and on which he built a sawmill, where later was built the first Excelsior reaper. He lived a long and active life, and was identified with the development of Norton Township in a larger degree than almost any other citizen. He married Katherine Peters, who was also a native of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and they reared a family of thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters. Of this family six sons and one daughter survive, namely: James Henry, residing at Jonesboro, Indiana, where he owns a large rubber manufacturing plant; Monroe, a large plate glass manufacturer, residing in a suburb of Chicago; Charles, residing at Mitchellville, Iowa, a retired farmer, formerly a soldier in the Civil War; Columbus, a retired farmer residing at Wadsworth; Milton A., a farmer residing in Norton Township; Sarah, wife of Jacob M. Harter, residing at Wadsworth, and Gustavus, who is the youngest of the family.

Mr. Seiberling was reared on the home farm and was mainly educated at Western Star Academy. For many years he carried on extensive farming and stockraising, and has also taken a prominent part in the public affairs of Summit County. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Norton Mutual Fire Association, of which he has been secretary for twenty years, and for fourteen years he has served as mayor of the town of Western Star. He was elected commissioner in the fall of 1905, but prior to that had served in many offices, for twenty years being a member of the School Board of Western Star village school, for ten years school clerk; and in 1900 he was elected real estate assessor. Politically, he is a Republican and has been an important leader in the ranks of that party for many years.

In 1875, Mr. Seiberling was married to Julia Kulp, who is a daughter of John M. Kulp, of Norton Township, and they have five children, namely: Wilson F., residing on a farm adjoining that of his father; Claud, operating the home farm; Sarah Katherine, who is the wife of Dr. William Wise, V. S., residing at Barberton; and Pauline and Raymond G., who reside at home with their parents. Mr. Seiberling is a member if the Lutheran Church at Wadsworth, in which he

has been choir leader for fifteen years. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

GEORGE MAAG, a highly respected citizen of Akron, who was one of the organizers of the Twentieth Century Heating and Ventilating Company, of this city, and who continued to be treasurer of the concern from its founding, has been active in the business life of the community for many years. Mr. Maag was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1853, where he remained until reaching the age of seventeen years. He then went to Orrville and learned the tinner's trade. After three years he looked around for a promising field for work, and in the fall of 1873, came to Akron, where, until 1878, he was with the firm of Cramer & May. Subsequently he established himself in a hardware business at Haysville, Ashland County, where he remained until January, 1885, when he removed his interests to Shelby, Ohio. In 1890, he left Shelby and returning to Akron, became employed with the firm of May and Fiebeger, continuing with them until the fall of 1894. He then became associated with William Clerkin in establishing the manufacture of the Twentieth Century Furnace under the firm name of Clerkin and Maag, which firm has been succeeded by the Twentieth Century Heating and Ventilating Company. In this line Mr. Maag has met with success.

The ideas involved in the manufacture of the heaters and boilers illustrate new principles, and the plant is fitted with all kinds of modern machinery to carry out these designs. In 1899, Mr. Maag was married to Lydia Baus, who is a daughter of Jacob Baus, of Akron. The family residence is situated at No. 40 Mt. View Avenue, Akron.

DANIEL B. CAHOW, proprietor of the Cahow Pump Company, of Akron, is a leading business man of this city and one of its prominent merchants. He was born in York Township, Medina County, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of D. J. Cahow, a pioneer in the pump manufacturing line. When he was two years old his father moved to Salem, Iowa, where he remained, however, but two years, returning to Ohio and settling in Litchfield, Medina County. When Daniel B. was six years old his father began the manufacture of pumps and the subject of this sketch was therefore practically reared in this business.

At the age of eighteen years he came to Akron with his father and brother, H. J. Cahow, and engaged in a pump business, but for the past eighteen years he has been sole proprietor and is the head of the largest retail pump business in the United States. He handles all kinds of pumps, and has the exclusive sale of all the best ones, especially the Myers pump, which has no superior. As a pump man he has a reputation which extends all over the State.

On October 4, 1877, Mr. Cahow was married to Nellie M. Garman, who was reared at Akron, and they have three children: Grace, who married M. J. Hallinan, assistant city engineer at Akron; and Roy and Ray, twins, the former of whom is a lithographic artist and the latter is with the pump manufacturing concern of F. E. Myers & Brother, of Ashland, Ohio. Politically, Mr. Cahow is a Republican. He has fraternal membership in Akron Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M.; Nemo Lodge, No. 746, I. O. O. F.; also the Encampment; the Daughters of Rebecca; the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Protected Home Circle.

GEORGE H. WADSWORTH, general superintendent of the machinery department of the Falls Rivet and Machine Company, at Cuyahoga Falls, is well known locally in this connection while his name is a familiar one in all the leading foundries of the United States, Canada and Europe, as the inventor of machinery of the greatest utility. Mr. Wadsworth was born near Chester, England, February 11, 1857, and is a son of William Collins and Agnes (Hogg) Wadsworth.

On the paternal side, Mr. Wadsworth traces his ancestry to Holland and on the maternal, to Scotland. His father, William C. Wadsworth, was born at Liverpool, England,

where he later held a position as harbor master, and was killed in the performance of his duty, when his son, George H., was twelve years of age. He had four children, namely: John Murray, who has been governor of a province in India, for thirty years; Agnes, who is deceased; George H.; and Elizabeth, who resides with her aged mother, at Colwin Bay, North Wales. The family is of the Presbyterian faith.

In his boyhood, George H. Wadsworth showed a natural leaning toward mechanics, and as soon as his education was considered to be far enough advanced, he entered the Great Western Railway shops, at Wolverhampton, where he served an apprenticeship of six years in what was there denominated the fitter and turner trade. This trade he followed until he was twenty-three years of age, when he came to Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the old Cleveland Bridge and Car Works. He continued work at his trade, mainly in Ohio, and was the first tool-maker employed by the National Cash Register Company, and organized their tool room. Later, Mr. Wadsworth entered into business for himself, at Findlay, Ohio, and from 1887 until 1891, he ran a machine shop under the firm name of Wadsworth, Sheesley & Company. From there he returned to Cleveland and remained superintendent of the Avery Stamping Company until the spring of 1894. He was then called to Chicago and was with the firm of Frazer and Chalmers, coming from there to take the position of foreman of the machine shop of The Falls Rivet and Machine Company. After one year, Mr. Wadsworth became superintendent, but six months later left the company in order to engage in other business.

When the business of this company was reorganized and changes made under the administration of Jeremiah Long, about 1897, Mr. Wadsworth returned to the company as general superintendent. At this time, owing to his past experience, The Falls Rivet and Machine Company was successful in obtaining some large contracts for government work amounting to about $140,000, which were completed with satisfaction to the Government and with financial advantage to the company. Mr. Wadsworth continued with the company as general superintendent until 1901, when he again severed his relations in order to engage in the manufacture of a core-making machine, which was an invention of his own. The Wadsworth Improved Core Machines and Equipment, including the Wadsworth-Portable Core Oven, have won their way through their obvious utility, and thousands are now in use in foundries throughout this and other countries. There are many similar machines on the market but the only medal given for a core machine, at the St. Louis Exposition, was awarded to The Falls Rivet and Machine Company for the machines invented by Mr. Wadsworth. He has made many other inventions relative to foundry work, all of them proving practical and valuable. He was the oldest continuous exhibitor at the American Foundrymen's Association.

In 1902, Mr. Wadsworth went to Cleveland and there engaged in the manufacturing of automobiles and was general superintendent and a stockholder in the American Motor Carriage Company. At the reorganization of The Falls Rivet and Machine Company, in 1903, Mr. Wadsworth again became superintendent of the machinery department, a position for which he is so thoroughly qualified. He has some 300 men under his supervision and through his knowledge and care the great output is kept up to the standard which has won its present reputation for this concern. Mr. Wadsworth's interests have never centered in politics, but he gives a good citizen's support to all laudable public measures and casts his vote with the Republican party. In England, Mr. Wadsworth was married to Cecily Blower, who is a daughter of Samuel J. Blower, of Wolverhampton, and they have three children, namely: Florence E., Agnes K. and George H. The family belong to the Episcopal Church.

ALEXANDER STEESE, proprietor of the Copley Mill, situated on Wolf Creek, has been a resident of Summit County, Ohio, for nearly a quarter of a century, and is one of Copley township's well-known business men. Mr. Steese was born November 20, 1862, in Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of Abraham and Lydia (Bowers) Steese.

Abraham Steese was born in Pennsylvania, and when a young man of eighteen years moved to Akron, Ohio, which was then but a small village. He was employed for some time in digging wells in and around Akron, constructing probably 600 or 700 in the vicinity, but after his marriage he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Stark and Summit Counties, and in this occupation spent the remainder of his life, which closed in 1902 when he had attained the age of eighty-five years. Mr. Steese was married to Lydia Bowers, a native of Stark County, Ohio, who died in 1882 at the age of fifty-nine years, and to them eleven children were born, namely: Elizabeth, who married Thomas Beck; Lewis; Susan, who married J. Guttenberger; Levi, who was drowned at the age of eleven years; Elvina, who married Solomon Arntz; Cecelia (deceased), who married Fred Shoemaker, the original proprietor of the Copley Mill; Israel; Melvin; Alexander; Amanda, who married A. Phile; and Frances, who married Charles Phile.

Alexander Steese grew up on his father's farm in Stark County, Ohio, where he attended school, and in 1885 started to work in his brother-in-law's mill, Mr. Steese's present property, where he continued for five years. In 1890 he removed to Tallmadge, where he worked until the fall in the plant of the Sewer Pipe Company, subsequently returning to his brother-in-law's mill in Copley Township. In the spring of 1891 he went to Indiana, where he worked at the carpenter's trade with his brother Lewis, but he again returned to Copley Township, where he spent the winter. In the spring of 1892 Mr. Steese went to Comet, Green Township, and there rented a mill from D. F. Burger, which he operated until 1904, at which time he purchased stock in the Clinton Milling Company, of Clinton, Ohio, where for two years he was engaged as miller. He then traded his stock in the company for his present business, which he has since conducted with much success. The capacity of the mill is twenty-five barrels daily, and the product is the well known "Household Favorite Flour."

In September, 1887, Mr. Steese was married, first, to Jennie Fulmer, whose death occurred in June, 1890, and to this union there was born one child, Clark. Mr. Steese was married, second, in the spring of 1893 to Stella Kleckner, who is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Kleckner, of Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, and six children have been born to them: Ruth, Grace, Myra, Laura, Paul and Carl.

Mr. Steese is a Prohibitionist in political belief. With his wife and family he attends the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

CAPT. W. M. HILTABIDLE, State agent for the North American Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with quarters in the Hamilton Building, Akron, has been identified with the Department of Public Works under the direction of the State board, for many years, and since 1905 has been interested in his present enterprise. He was born at Mansfield, Ohio, July 31, 1857, where he was reared and educated.

During his earlier years, Mr. Hiltabidle served four years as shipping clerk for the Humphrey Manufacturing Company, of Mansfield, and for six years was with the Bodine Roofing Company, of Mansfield, both as superintendent of their works and as traveling salesman. In 1887 he entered the employ of the State Board of Public Works and had charge of the steam dredge, continuing until 1892, when he was promoted to the office of division superintendent and in that capacity came to Akron. He remained superintendent until 1902, and then gave up that position to become superintendent of the water supply for the manufacturers of Akron and Barberton, performing the duties of this office from 1902 until 1905. In the latter

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year he assisted in organizing the North American Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the home office being at Mansfield. The first policy was issued October 26, 1905. They started into business with policies in force of $773,850. On July 12, 1907, their books showed: Policies in force, $2,038,574.61, premiums paid, $75,264.52; fire losses paid, $21,505.61; contingent assets, $177,992.15. Mr. Hiltabidle is State agent and a member of the Board of Directors. The enterprise is one which has met with a hearty welcome and is in a very prosperous condition.

Captain Hiltabidle gained his title as captain of Company B, Eighth Ohio Regiment, at Mansfield, and also during his long period of service with the Board of Public Works, when he was commanding officer.

In 1878 he was married to Roberta Cairns, of Plymouth, Ohio. They have one daughter, Myrtle Rose, who graduated from the Akron public schools, in the class of 1907. With his family, Captain Hiltabidle belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and has held many offices in the local Masonic bodies. He is also an Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias, past exalted ruler of the Akron Lodge of Elks, and belongs to the Masonic and Elk clubs, and to Harry Foster Camp, No. 331, Sons of Veterans.

JAMES H. CASE, who has been engaged in the drug business in Akron for the past thirty-one years, is one of the city's most esteemed citizens. He is also an honored veteran of the Civil War, and one of the few survivors of the Third Division of Cavalry, which gained distinction under their brave and beloved leader, the gallant General Custer. Mr. Case was born in 1844, in old Middlebury, and is a son of Simon S. and Jane (McDowell) Case.

Simon S. Case, a harness-maker by trade, was born in the State of New York and came to Akron among the early settlers. Later he engaged in general contracting, and he built an entire section of the C. A. & C. Railroad. Still later he went into the stoneware business, and was the first shipper of stoneware from Summit County by rail. His death took place in 1877.

James H. Case entered the Federal army at the age of nineteen years, becoming a member of Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio Cavalry. This regiment was mustered into the service at Columbus, and it was first ordered to Tennessee and Kentucky. It participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Mine Run, Hanover Court House, and all battles from the Wilderness to the surrender of Lee. After Wilson's Raid Mr. Case was taken sick and was confined to the hospital for two months in Baltimore and Wilmington. After rejoining his regiment he took part in the battles of Winchester, Berryville, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and Stony Creek. In October, 1863, Mr. Case reenlisted and remained in the service until after the final surrender of the Confederate forces, being honorably mustered out at St. Louis, Missouri, in September, 1865. His most thrilling war experience was during Wilson's Raid, when he had his horse shot from under him. In recalling the various brave commanders under whom he served, Mr. Case remembers the gallant General Custer, who was adored by his soldiers, who together keep green his memory in an annual gathering of the survivors of the old command. In 1907 Mr. Case attended the reunion held at Canandaigua, New York.

After the end of his military service, Mr. Case returned to Akron where he worked at the machinist's trade until 1876. He then engaged in the drug business in which he has continued ever since. He is a stanch Republican, and was a great admirer of the late Senator James G. Blaine, during whose candidacy, Mr. Case's store was the Blaine headquarters. He has served two terms in the City Council and has been postmaster at Postal Station No. 4 ever since its organization.

In 1872, Mr. Case was first married to Ella Farrar. In April, 1890, he was married, second, to Mrs. Margaret Bloeker. Fraternally,

he is a Mason of high standing. He has been a member of Buckley Post, G. A. R., since its organization.

REED DEEDS, inventor, is the senior member of the firm of Reed Deeds & Son, builders and contractors at Cuyahoga Falls, and the patentee of the Deeds Monolithic System of Concrete Construction, which provides forms, molds and methods for the erection and construction of all classes of buildings, with either solid or double walls, doing away with machine-made blocks. Mr. Deeds established himself in business at Cuyahoga Falls in 1889. He was born at Portersville, Butler County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1848, and is a son of John and Ann Catherine (Wimer) Deeds. His family record includes an ancestor who served on General Washington's staff in the Revolutionary War.

Philip Frederick Deeds, his paternal grandfather, operated a mill near Slippery Rock, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, but had lived in Butler County, where his son, John Deeds, was born, in 1806. In boyhood John Deeds learned the wheelright trade and later, when that business declined, took up carpentering. In 1857 he moved to Youngstown and continued in active business there until he retired, in 1879, when he went to live with a daughter at Keokuk, Iowa, where he died in 1883. He was one of the old-line Abolitionists and in slavery days assisted many a "chattel" to escape from bondage. He was a strict Methodist and built a church near Portersville, and, unknown to the general public, constructed an underground tunnel which led to a big stump in the woods. Down the tunnel from this stump, the operators of the Underground railroad conducted many fleeing slaves. Later he became an ardent Republican and at the outbreak of the Civil War, offered his services, which were declined on account of his age, but he persisted in serving in the home guard. He was a man of most upright character and at various times honestly performed the duties of public office.

The mother of Mr. Deeds was a daughter of John Wimer, who resided near Portersville, Pennsylvania, where she was born in 1813. Her father was one of eight brothers, who migrated from the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in about 1790, to what was afterwards called Butler County, Pennsylvania. He saw military service in the Black Hawk War. Of the nine children born to John Deeds and wife, eight grew to maturity, namely: Thirzah, now deceased, who married John Ramp, of Cuyahoga Falls, also deceased; Joseph who served three years in the Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed near Kingston, Georgia, during the Civil War; Hiram, now residing at Cleveland, who was for three years a member of the same regiment, and was wounded four times; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Ramp, of Keokuk, Iowa, and died at Cuyahoga Falls; Wilbur, who served one year in the Civil War as a member of the Second Ohio Battery, and who died in 1906, at Noblesville, Indiana; Reed, who served in the Fourth Indiana Cavalry, but was special orderly at Brigade Headquarters of the First Brigade, Second Division, Wilson's Cavalry Corps; Minerva, who married Richard Reid, residing at Cuyahoga Falls; and Frank, residing at Schenectady, New York. The mother of this family died in 1892. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Reed Deeds was eleven years of age when his father settled at Youngstown, Ohio. After completing his education he learned the carpenter's trade with his father, following which he worked as a journeyman for a number of years, in Cleveland, Youngstown and Akron. In 1868 he came to Cuyahoga Falls, where he has since resided. In 1876 he began to work for H. B. Camp, building his shops, and thus he gradually worked into brick and cement contracting, which led up to the invention of his system of concrete construction. In 1878 he took up cement work, using some of the first Yeass Portland cement ever made in the United States. At Cuyahoga Falls he built John Walsh's residence, the Roethig Block,

the Brand Block, and the power houses and barns for the A. B. C. Railway, both at Cuyahoga Falls and Bedford, and their additions to their Akron plant; also the chapel at Oakwood Cemetery, and the power house for the Youngstown & Ohio River R. R. at West Point, Ohio. Other fine building that he has done includes his own handsome residence, which was completed in 1893, which is situated on North Front Street, and in 1904 he built a cement house for his son, Wilber Clyde, who became his partner in business in 1902, when the firm name of Deeds & Son was adopted. His pay-roll averages about thirty men.

Mr. Deeds has always been more or less of an inventor and his machines have proved of remarkable utility. His patent on monolithic construction bears the number 787665, and that on hold molds No. 878664; he has also another on railroad water tanks. In the small space accorded to the present sketch it would be impossible to do full justice to Mr. Deed's invention of the monolithic concrete system. He has issued a clear and concise explanation of his invention which has been widely circulated, with the most gratifying results as to business. For some twenty-eight years Mr. Deeds has been a successful mason and builder and he has given a great deal of study to the use of concrete material, solving the problem as to its use at the smallest expense and with the greatest amount of durability. Mr. Deeds married Eliza Bradley, who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, December 17, 1849, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Bradley, of that place. Mrs. Deeds' father was born at Middletown, Connecticut, and accompanied his parents to Summit County, in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Deeds have had two children: Arthur, who died in childhood, and Wilber Clyde, who is in partnership with his father. Wilber Clyde Deeds was born December 1, 1875, at Cuyahoga Falls, and was educated in the schools of his native place, and at the Western Reserve Academy, at Hudson, where he was graduated in 1895. He then spent one year in the Ohio State University, taking a course in mining engineering. He learned the brick-laying trade with his father, whose business partner he became, in 1902. On June 25, 1898, he enlisted in Company F, 10th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made corporal, for service in the Spanish-American War. Later he was transferred to the 11th Company of the Signal Corps and in 1899 he accompanied that body to Cuba, where he was in service three and one-half months, and then returned and was honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia. He is a member of the United Spanish-American War Veterans, of Camp Ward A. Wilford, at Akron.

Wilber C. Deeds married Ethel Dean, who is a daughter of William Spray, of Mantua, Ohio, and they have two children, Dorothy and Ethel. Mrs. Wilber C. Deeds is a member of the Disciples Church. She also, with her husband, belongs to the Falls Chapter, No. 245, Eastern Star. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Star Lodge, No. 187, Washington Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., and Akron Commandery, K. T., No. 25. In politics he is a Republican.

Reed Deeds has always been identified with the Republican party, but his interests have lain in an entirely different direction from office-holding and he has never been willing to consider any such proposition. He is, however, a public-spirited citizen, one who has always lent his influence in the direction of permanent improvements and substantial progress. He is not united with any religious body but liberally contributes to the support of the Congregational Church, to which Mrs. Deeds belongs. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 187, also to Pavonia Lodge, No. 301, Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Deeds is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and it was through her untiring efforts that the fine flag pole was purchased and erected at the corner of Second and Broad Streets, she having the honor of being the first to raise the flag.

WILLIAM D. BAUER, a prosperous agriculturist of Norton Township, who owns and

operates a tract of 151 acres of fine farming land, situated on the Akron-Wadsworth road, about five miles west of Akron, was born in this township, June 14, 1863, and is a son of Joseph D. and Sarah (Surfass) Bauer.

Daniel Bauer, the grandfather of William D., was one of the first settlers of Norton Township, whence he came from Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and, locating about one mile northwest of Loyal Oak, purchased land and eventually became the owner of several hundred acres. His son, Joseph D. Bauer, was but eleven years of age when he came here with the family. In about 1869 he located with his family on the farm now owned by Ed Laubaugh, and in the spring of 1888 settled at Loyal Oak, where Joseph D. Bauer died July 16, 1903. In March, 1894, Mr. Bauer purchased the present farm of his son William D., which the latter has been operating since 1895. Joseph D. Bauer was married to Sarah Surfass, who was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Andrew Surfass, who came to Norton Township a few years after the arrival of Daniel Bauer. Four children were born to Joseph B. and Sarah Bauer, namely: William D.; Fietta E., who is the wife of Ed Laubaugh; and two who died in childhood.

William D. Bauer was educated in the schools of his home vicinity, and was reared on the farm now owned by Ed Laubaugh, whence his parents had removed when he was about six years old. In 1895 he located on his present property, where he has carried on general farming with much success to the present time.

In 1887 Mr Bauer was married to Phœbe Stimson, who is a daughter of Robert Stimson, of Copley Township, and they have eight children: Warren F., Celia L., Blanche May, Joseph R., Grace F., Nellie B., Elva P. and Floyd O. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are members of the Lutheran Church of Loyal Oak.

MILLER G. MOORE, who holds the responsible position of division superintendent with the Northern Ohio Traction Company, with headquarters at Cuyahoga Falls, was born at Anthony, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, July 20, 1872, and is a son of John H. and Martha (Everett) Moore.

John H. Moore was born in New Jersey, where he has always lived an honorable useful life. By trade he is a blacksmith and conducts his own business. For some years he has been a justice of the peace, and he is now serving as postmaster at Middle Valley. His three children are: Miller G.; Georgia, who resides in Norwich, New York; and Frank, residing at Garwood, New Jersey.

After completing the common school course in his native place, Mr. Moore learned telegraphing, which he followed in connection with railroad work, for two years. He has been connected with transportation lines ever since he was fourteen years of age. Mr. Moore began in a humble way and understands the business in all its details. He has filled positions similar to his present one both in Cleveland and Detroit, and came to Cuyahoga Falls in June, 1902. He has charge of the A. B. C., Kent and Ravenna and Barberton lines, and has control of about 125 men, with seventy-five or eighty miles of track under his jurisdiction. His thorough technical knowledge and reliable character, make him a valuable part of the great system which he represents.

Mr. Moore was married at Detroit, Michigan, to Marie Common, a daughter of James Common, of that city, and they have two children, Melba and Doris. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Moore belongs to Court Bagley, of the order of Foresters, of Detroit, of which he has been chief ranger; and he is also a member of the National Union. He is an Independent in politics.

DAVID E. HILL, one of Akron's old and prominent citizens, was born at Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, New York, May 25, 1825, coming of sturdy English-Scotch ancestry. He was eighteen years old when he came to Middlebury, Ohio. During his early years at Middlebury, Mr. Hill worked in a machine shop and then became associated with others in the manufacture of the old-

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fashioned fire engines. From 1847 until 1849 he represented the firm of McMillan & Irish, on the road, selling woolen machinery, in the spring of the latter year first becoming interested in what is now the Akron Sewer Pipe Company, which was the pioneer of the great industry. Mr. Hill was the organizer and leading spirit of the American Sewer Pipe Company, which has an annual output of 5,000 car loads, or 60,000 tons. His influence on the business life of Middlebury was pronounced and his standing was high in business circles as long as he remained an active factor in the business life of the community.

On June 5, 1848, Mr. Hill was married to Harriet Louise McMillan, who is a daughter of the late Reuben McMillan. They have had three children, namely: David W., born March 15, 1850, who married Grace Perkins McCurdy, of Akron, September 6, 1877, and died January 30, 1880, leaving one child, Eva C.; Cora T., born July 10, 1852, who died February 6, 1874; and George R., born April 3, 1855.

All his life, Mr. Hill has been a thoughtful and intelligent watcher of public events. He has been identified with the Republican party ever since its organization, and almost since his majority, has been an incumbent of office, serving Summit County in some capacity, long and well. He served either in the Council or on the School Board of the village of Middlebury, until its annexation to Akron, in 1872, and from 1862 to 1868, he was county commissioner, and was elected a member of the City Council of Akron, from the Sixth Ward, for the years, 1875-76-77 and 1878.

THOMAS RHODES, one of Akron's much esteemed retired citizens, residing at No. 610 West Market street, was born in 1826, in Lancastershire, England, and was about seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. The father of Mr. Rhodes settled in Sharon Township, Medina County, Ohio, where the son was reared, and under his brother's tutelage, mainly educated. Mr. Rhodes followed farming and stockraising in both Medina and Summit Counties, giving especial attention to the growing of sheep. After a busy and successful agricultural career, Mr. Rhodes erected the beautiful residence in Akron which has since been his home.

In 1876, Mr. Rhodes was married to Sarah B. Garside. He and his wife are leading members of the West Hill Congregational Church. Prior to the Civil War, Mr. Rhodes was prominently identified with the Abolition party and was well known to many anti-slavery leaders, being a great admirer of William Lloyd Garrison.

October 2, 1862, Mr. Rhodes enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I. He took the place of his brother who had been drafted. He served till July 30, 1863, and was honorably discharged at a camp twenty miles in the rear of Vicksburg.

CHARLES P. HELLER, who is carrying on extensive farming operations on his excellent tract of 148 acres situated about three-quarters of a mile west of Bath Centre, Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio, has served as assessor of this township for the past five years, and is one of the most influential Republicans of his section. Mr. Heller was born October 1, 1855, in Guilford Township, Medina County, Ohio, and is a son of Levi and Elizabeth (Dutt) Heller.

Levi Heller, who was a native of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated, removed to Medina County, Ohio, a short time after his marriage, and there cultivated a seventy-seven acre farm until his death in 1865. He married Elizabeth Dutt, who survived him until 1893, and to them was born one child, Charles P.

Charles P. Heller was but nine years of age when his father's death occurred, and when he was thirteen years old he took full charge of the farm in Medina County, where he and his mother lived alone. In 1881 this farm was sold, and Mr. Heller and his mother removed to his present home in Bath Township, where he erected a fine home in 1882.

Here he has carried on successful agricultural operations to the present time. He has been prominent in the ranks of the Republican party in this section, having been a member of the Summit County Republican Executive Committee for several years, served four years as a member of the Bath Township School Board, and was president thereof for two years, and since 1902 has served in the capacity of assessor, filling that position to the satisfaction of all concerned. In 1883 Mr. Heller was united in marriage with Mary Strunk, who is a daughter of William Strunk, of Wadsworth, Ohio. Mr. Heller is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Masonic order.

ALONZO SMITH, a prominent farmer and representative citizen of Summit County, Ohio, who is engaged in operating an excellent farm of 121 acres in Franklin Township, was born December 26, 1846, north of Middlebranch, Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of George E. and Sarah (Crist) Smith.

George E. Smith was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and when a boy of twelve years came to Ohio with his parents, settling about seven miles north of Canton. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and in his youth learned the tanner's trade, which he followed for some years, conducting a tannery north of Middlebranch, Stark County. In 1859 he purchased a farm near Canton, where the rest of his life was spent, his death occurring in his eightieth year. Mr. Smith married Sarah Crist, who died at the homestead at the age of eighty-seven years. Owing to a fire accident when a child he lost the fore part of both feet, which much interfered with his ability to walk. At his death Mr. Smith owned 1,132 acres of choice land in Stark and Summit Counties, as follows: Eighty acres in Canton Township near Fulton; ninety acres in Plain; 268 in Lake; 160 in Nemeshellen, and 190 in Perry Township, south of Massillon, and in Summit County he owned 344 acres. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Sarah Ann, who was the wife of Israel Bixler; Susan, who was the wife of Christ Wingerd; Christian, who went West and has never been heard from; Andrew H., who was a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil War; Benjamin H., who was also a soldier during the Civil War, and now resides at Canton; Joel, who lives in Stark County; Alonzo; and Philo, of Canton.

Alonzo Smith was reared on the home farm, and for one year worked at the plastering business in Canton. In 1872 he purchased his present farm from John Genine, and here he has continued to reside. Mr. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is treasurer. He is agent for the Norton Mutual Fire Association for Franklin Township. In December, 1867, Mr. Smith was married to Harriet H. Longabaugh, and to them were born five children: Phidello, who married Maude Neff; Rahama, who married Dr. Harper; John, who conducts a general store; Orlando; and Sadie, who married Bert Purdy.

WILLIAM J. POWELL, general farmer, cultivating 125 acres of valuable land in Northfield township, is a son of William and Sarah (Baum) Powell. He is a great-grandson of George Powell, who was born at Berlin, Germany, and who, during the times of Napoleon, when the country was in an unsettled condition, became involved in politics, and, with other revolutionists, prepared to flee to America. He succeeded in getting his wife and children on board of a sailing vessel and then, being hard pressed, endeavored, with some companions, to escape to the ship on a floating log, in which attempt he was drowned. His son, Henry Powell, grandfather of William J., came from Germany with his mother and two sisters. He was sold in New Jersey to work out the passage money for the family, he then being eight years of age. He lived up to the agreement and remained with his owner until he was twenty-one years old, when he married Rachel Fowler and they subsequently came to Mahoning County. William Powell, the father, was born in New Jersey and emigrated to Mahon-

ing County, Ohio, with his father, when six years old. He lived there until he was eighteen, and then came to what is now Northfield, Summit County. In 1840, he married Sarah Baum, and settled on her homestead farm of fifty acres, to which he added until he owned 125 acres. On this land he carried on general farming and sheep growing. He voted with the Republican party, but never sought office. He died in 1868. He was reared in the Society of Friends, but as there was no religious organization of that body in this locality, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in 1868.

Thomas Baum, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Powell, was born in 1798, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and in 1801, was brought by his parents to Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio. He subsequently married Mary Perkey, and they had the following children: John, deceased, served in the Civil War; Sarah, the mother of Mr. Powell, born June 1, 1824; Mary, now deceased; Martha, who is the widow of U. R. Horner, of Akron; Elizabeth, who married David Silver, of Jennings County, Indiana; and James M., who resides at East Toledo.

To William and Sarah Powell were born five children, of whom the following now survive: Louisa, widow of Elihu Griswold, residing at Akron; Harriet E., who married Andrew J. Kelty, of Bedford; Mary R., residing at home with her mother; and William J., whose name begins this sketch.

William J. Powell grew up on the farm which he now cultivates, and was thoroughly trained in agricultural work. He raises on 125 acres, wheat and potatoes for market, giving twelve acres to wheat and three to potatoes, and grows hay, corn and oats for feed and dairy business, keeping about twenty-five head of cattle. The milk from his cows, all of excellent breed, is shipped to Cleveland. His apple orchard is in fine producing condition. Mr. Powell looks well to his buildings and his immense barn is of 30 by 90 feet, with eighteen-foot posts. He farms along modern lines and meets with excellent success.

Mr. Powell married Margaret R. Nesbitt, who is a daughter of the late James Nesbitt, formerly county commissioner, and a prominent citizen of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Powell is a Republican, and for six years has been a member of the Republican County Executive committee. He served for seven years on the School Board and one year as a member of the Council at Macedonia. He has since been elected councilman for a term of two years.

THE BAUM FAMILY. The immigrant ancestor of this family was George Baum, Sr., who was born in Germany, November 17, 1754, and who, when seventeen years of age, sailed for America with a brother. The latter died on ship-board and was buried at sea. The ship must have met with tempestuous weather, or have been a very slow sailor, as it is recorded that the voyage lasted six months. He landed at Philadelphia in the year 1772, when public affairs were in more or less of a ferment owing to the troubles with England which were in a few years to bring on the Revolutionary War. In accordance with a not unfrequent custom in those days, his services had been sold to a man for three years to pay his passage. In 1783 he was married to Mary Higgin, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1801 he moved to Ohio, settling in Columbiana County, where he purchased 160 acres of land of the government, at $1.25 per acre, which land is now the site of the city of Salem. The nearest grist-mill was then at Marietta, about sixty-five miles away, the route being through the woods, and it used to take him from three to four days to make the trip, leading his horse, which carried the grist. On each occasion he was obliged to camp at least two nights in the woods.

Thomas Baum, son of George and Mary Baum (and maternal grandfather of William J. Powell, of Northfield Township, Summit County, Ohio), was born in Westmoreland

County, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1798. In 1801 he accompanied his parents to Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio. Here he subsequently married Mary Perkey. In 1821 he became a resident of Northfield Township, Summit County, where he purchased a farm for three dollars per acre. This farm was located about eighteen miles from Cleveland, and is now known as the G. T. Bishop farm. Here his death occurred, December 24, 1862. His wife had preceded him to the grave, dying on her fifty-eighth birthday, June 28, 1855. They reared a family of six children —John, Sarah, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, and James M. The record of these children is, in brief, as follows:

John enlisted in the 111th Regiment Ohio, Volunteer Infantry, in Williams County, Ohio, and served nearly three years. He died in that county November 16, 1865. Sarah became the wife of William Powell, of Northfield Township, where she now resides. Mary married a Mr. White, of Jennings County, Indiana. Martha, who is the widow of Mr. Horner, resides in Akron, Ohio. Elizabeth is the wife of David Silver, of Jennings County, Indiana.

James M. Baum, the remaining member of the above-mentioned family, was born on Christmas Day, 1833. He was educated in the district schools, and assisted his father in clearing and developing his land. In 1872 he located in Section 33, Ross Township, Wood County, Ohio, where he is now engaged in general farming and gardening, having a well improved farm of some forty acres. He also devotes a part of his attention to fruit raising. Being located but a short distance from Toledo, he finds a ready market for his produce, and has been quite successful. He is numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of his locality.

GEORGE R. HILL, vice-president of the American Sewer Pipe Company, and interested in other commercial enterprises, is one of Akron's leading business citizens. He was born at Akron, Ohio, and is a son of David E. Hill, who was the pioneer manufacturer of sewer pipe in America. The late David E. Hill was born in the State of New York and came to Akron in 1848, when the village was known as Middlebury. Here he established himself in business and after many experiments succeeded in manufacturing a drainage pipe which was the very first article which proved of real utility in handling sewerage. He was the founder of the Akron Sewer Pipe Company and subsequently of the Hill Sewer Pipe Company, and at the time of his death, in August, 1901, was one of the leading manufacturers and capitalists of Akron.

George R. Hill was reared and educated at Akron and from boyhood has been connected with the manufacture of sewer pipe. He was an early assistant of his father and succeeded to many of his interests. The American Sewer Pipe Company has thirty-seven plants, three of these being in the Akron district: the one located at Barberton is the largest plant of its kind in the world. From small beginnings the business has grown to enormous proportions. In 1884, Mr. Hill was married to Alice A. Hinman. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and also of its vestry. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason.

JOHN CRISP & SON, a leading business firm at Akron, engaged in general contracting and dealing in all kinds of building material, is a prominent factor in the commercial life of this city. John Crisp, the founder of the firm, was born in England and learned his trade in London. When he emigrated he lived for about one year at Hamilton, Canada, and then came to Akron.

In 1876 the firm of Crisp Brothers was established at Akron, and it continued in business here for twenty years. Then John Crisp withdrew on account of being elected a member of the Board of City Commissioners, on which he served for four years. In August, 1901, the firm of John Crisp & Son was organized, composed of John Crisp and his son, Edmond F. Mr. Crisp was married at Hamilton, Canada, to Susan Akell, and they had three sons: Edmond, Lee and Roland. Mr.

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Crisp is a Knight Templar Mason and is a member of the board of directors of the Employers' Association. With his whole family, he is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edmond F. Crisp was born at Hamilton, Canada, and was one year old when his parents came to Akron, where he was reared and educated, graduating from the Akron High School. He immediately went into the office of Crisp Brothers, and then took a course in a business college in this city. Later he learned his father's business, from the ground up, and when taken into partnership, was thoroughly familiar with the work as an artisan, and perfectly competent to handle it in a business way. Among the first buildings erected by the firm of John Crisp & Son, was the First National Bank building, and this was followed by the brick work for the Colonial Salt Company, the Wellman Seaver Morgan Company's plant, the Gothic flats, the Long & Taylor building, the shipping building for the B. F. Goodrich Company, and many more of size and importance.

In June, 1905, Edmond F. Crisp was married to Frances Wilson, who is a daughter of John Wilson, a wealthy pioneer settler at Akron. Mr. Crisp belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is a captain in the Uniformed Rank. He is associated with the Masons and other organizations and is vice-president of the Builders' Exchange.

ABNER E. FOLTZ M.D., physician and surgeon and oculist at Akron, has been in active practice in this city for more than thirty years. He is a veteran of the Civil War and has more than a local reputation as a poet and professional author. Dr. Foltz was born in 1840, in Wayne County, Ohio.

He obtained his literary education at Sharon Center, Medina County, and he and his four brothers served together in the same company, in the Civil War. They enlisted about August 6, 1862, in Company I, 102nd Regiment, O. V. I., and remained in the army until the close of the war, during the larger part of this period being on detached duty. Dr. Foltz is a valued member of Buckley Post, No. 26, G. A. R., and also of the National Union.

After completing his literary education, Dr. Foltz began the reading of medicine. He spent six months in the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and in 1868 was graduated from the medical department of the Western Reserve College. In 1869 he took a post-graduate course at Jefferson Medical College, after which he was engaged in practice for one year, at Ashland, Ohio, and then came to Akron.

Dr. Foltz was married in 1869, to Frances C. Bowen, who is a daughter of the late Dr. William Bowen, one of the early physicians of Akron. They have one son, Esgar Bowen, who is associated with his father in medical practice. Dr. Esgar Bowen Foltz completed the High School course at Akron, was subsequently graduated A. B. from Buchtel College, and later from the medical department of the University of Cincinnati. He has also a diploma from Christ Hospital, where he practiced for eighteen months. He is a close and earnest student of his profession.

Dr. A. E. Foltz is a member of the County, State and Northeastern Ohio Medical societies, and Dr. Esgar belongs also to the American Medical Association. A clinical chart, prepared by Dr. A. E. Foltz is in use all over the world and he also designed the opticians chart and is the designer and patentee of what is known as the Wizard Hinge.

CHAUNCEY B. LANE, a prominent citizen of Twinsburg Township, resides on his valuable farm of 175 acres, on which, with only temporary periods of absence, he has spent his whole life. He was born on this farm, in Summit County, Ohio, January 14, 1844, and is a son of Chauncy and Phebe W. (Bailey) Lane.

Chauncey Lane was born at Killingsworth, Connecticut, August 31, 1803, and died in Ohio in March, 1885. He was a son of Philip Lane, whose whole life was passed in Connecticut. The family was established in New England by three brothers, Joseph, John and

Robert, who came from England in 1670. Luman Lane, brother to Chauncey, was the first of the family to come to Summit County, reaching here November 2, 1820. In November, 1828, Chauncey Lane came to Twinsburg Township, walking through the snow already fallen in the woods, and bought 100 acres of land, a part of Chauncey B.'s farm, on which just enough clearing had been done to make possible the building of a log cabin, which was subsequently replaced by a comfortable home. In 1837, Chauncey Lane was married to Phebe Worthington Bailey, who was born at Groton, Connecticut, January 20, 1811, and died in 1885, when nearly seventy-five years old. Her parents were Asher and Abigail (Smith) Bailey, and her grandfather was Samuel Smith. She accompanied her brother to Geauga County, in 1836, settling in the town of Munson and came to Twinsburg to teach school. The two survivors of their family are: Caroline A., who is the wife of Hon. William Fowler, who was mayor of Redlands, California, and a very prominent citizen; and Chauncey B., of Twinsburg Township.

Chauncey B. Lane was reared on the home place and was afforded much better educational advantages than were enjoyed by many youths of his acquaintance. He was given academic training at the Bissell Institute at Twinsburg, and was but eighteen years of age when he enlisted for service in the Civil War. At Camp Chase he entered Company D, Eighty-fourth Regiment, O. V. I., and served through his first three months of enlistment, mainly in Eastern Virginia and Maryland. In August, 1864, Mr. Lane reenlisted, entering Company H, 177th Regiment, O. V. I., in which he served until the close of the war. He participated in many battles and skirmishes, weary marches and tiresome and dangerous guard duty, traveling over a large extent of the southern country, and received his honorable discharge at Greensboro, North Carolina.

After the close of his military service, Mr. Lane went to Michigan, where he purchased a tract of eighty acres, but shortly after sold out and returned to his parents at Twinsburg. Here he has continued to reside, taking an active part in public affairs and carefully regulating a large private business, looking after the operation of a farm of 175 acres. For seven and a half years he served as a justice of the peace at Twinsburg, for many years has been connected with the Board of Education, serving frequently as its president, for two years was township assessor, and for a number of years was township trustee.

On February 27, 1867, Mr. Lane was married to Mary E. Ames, who was born in Vermont, and is a daughter of Edwin and Anna (Seribner) Ames. The father of Mrs. Lane was born in Massachusetts, moved later to Illinois and still later to Minnesota, where he died. Her mother was born at Poughkeepsie, New York. After her widowhood she moved to Ravenna, Ohio, and subsequently died at the home of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have had four children, namely: Carrie A., who married E. W. Hull, and has two children, Florence L. and Lois M.; Frank C., who died February 21, 1902, married Cleora B. Chamberlain; Edwin A., residing at Cleveland, who married Blanche Foree, and they have one son, Wilbur C.; and Edna, who is a student at Oberlin College. Mr. and Mrs. Lane are members of the Congregational Church at Twinsburg. Mr. Lane is a Republican.

T. M. PARKER, Sr., vice-president and manager of the Summit Lumber Company, with an extensive plant on West State street, Akron, has been a resident of this city since 1867. He was born in 1837, in Kent County, Delaware, where he was reared and educated.

Prior to leaving his native State, Mr. Parker engaged in farming, after which he spent eighteen months in the oil fields near Oil City, Pennsylvania. In 1867 he came to Akron and during the following year engaged in shipping fruit, when he became associated with the Thomas Company, contractors and builders, with whom he continued for eighteen years. Mr. Parker then engaged in a contracting business in partnership with Wil-

liam H. Jones, who died in 1897, after which Mr. Parker purchased a tract of land on State and Canal streets for a site, and proceeded to organize the Summit Lumber Company. It was incorporated with a capital stock of $15,000, with T. M. Parker, Jr., president; T. M. Parker, Sr., vice-president and general manager; and William H. Mantz, secretary and treasurer. The business is both wholesale and retail and in addition to dealing in lumber of all kinds the company operate a planing mill and manufacture doors, sash and blinds, and do a general contracting business. This great industry gives employment to many men, adding both to the material prosperity of the individuals concerned and to the city at large.

In 1861, Mr. Parker was married to Catherine Millington, of Caroline County, Maryland, who died in 1905, leaving one son, T. M. Parker, Jr. He was educated in the Akron schools and subsequently traveled for ten years in the theatrical business. For the past ten years he has given his attention to the demands of the increasing business of the Summit Lumber Company, and like his father, is numbered with the city's reliable and substantial citizens.

JOHN P. MACKEY, dairyman and general farmer, in Northfield Township, was born in Boston Township, Summit County, Ohio, August 23, 1853, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Pope) Mackey.

The father of Mr. Mackey came to America from County Antrim, Ireland, when seventeen years of age, and joined an older brother, who had located in the State of New York. There he learned the carpenters' and joiners' trade, which he followed for seventeen years, and then, about the time of his marriage, settled down to farming. While following his trade exclusively, he worked in various cities through what is now the Central West, thus visiting Summit County. He was pleased with this section and subsequently bought the farm on Oak Hill, in Boston township, on which he spent the rest of his life. He was married in 1850 to Margaret, daughter of John Pope, of Northfield Township, and four of their eight children grew to maturity, namely: John P., above mentioned; Amy, who married Rev. William G. Harper, a Methodist clergyman, residing at Washington Village; George F., residing at Rocky River; and T. Harvey, also residing at Rocky River. The mother of the above mentioned family died in 1895. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The father, Thomas Mackey, died in 1891, lacking a few days of being seventy-five years old. His father, James Mackey, also came to America and farmed for a time in Northfield Township, but later bought a farm near Everett, in Boston township.

John P. Mackey obtained his education in the public schools and remained on the home farm until the second year after his marriage. He then moved to Portage County where he farmed for one year, then returning to the home farm on Oak Hill, where he remained until February, 1907. While there he lived on a tract of sixty acres just across the road from the old homestead, which he had purchased, and on which he carried on agricultural operations for twenty-seven years, finally selling it to J. P. Nolan. In March, 1906, Mr. Mackey bought his present farm in Northfield Township. It originally contained 100 acres and was settled by his maternal grandfather. Later 108 acres were added, but the A. B. C. Electric Railroad has taken forty-one acres, so that the present farm contains about 167 acres, ninety of which Mr. Mackey has under a fine state of cultivation. He keeps twenty-four head of cattle and sells his milk to the Brooks Creamery Company, uses all the oats he raises for feed, and markets his wheat and potatoes. He has taken a great deal of interest in his agricultural operations, and has paid considerable attention to improving the stock of horses in this neighborhood. He owns a magnificent Percheron stallion, "Valiant," the pedigree of which is recorded in the Percheron Stud Book of America.

Mr. Mackey married Amelia Darrow, who is a daughter of Malcolm Darrow, of Bedford. They have one daughter, Margaret L., who

married Henry Harrington and she and her husband reside with them. Mr. Mackey and family are members of the Congregational Church on Oak Hill, Boston Township, which is a branch of the Richfield Congregational Church, and of which formerly, Mr. Mackey was a trustee. Mr. Mackey is one of Northfield's most substantial men and highly respected citizens.

SAMUEL WARNER, a highly esteemed citizen of Copley Township, and the owner of 109 acres of fine farming land, was born January 13, 1852, in an old log house on his father's farm in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Weaver) Warner.

Henry Warner, the grandfather of Samuel, was an early pioneer of Stark County, Ohio, settling in the woods with the Indians for neighbors, at which time Akron was still a small village, and Cleveland the nearest point at which salt could be procured. Later Mr. Warner with his wife and several children came to Summit County, and became well known and highly esteemed residents of Coventry Township, where both passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Warner had eight children—John, the father of Samuel; Adam, now deceased; William; Jacob; Abraham; Samuel; Solomon, and Daniel (deceased). Of this family Jacob and William were in the Civil War.

John Warner, father of Samuel, spent his boyhood days in the woods of Coventry Township, and attended the old log schoolhouse. Throughout his life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he was the owner of the present farm of Samuel Warner, which he purchased from the Yearick estate. John Warner was married to Elizabeth Weaver, who died in 1901, and to this union there were born children as follows: William a resident of Coventry Township; Henry, who lives in New Portage; Samuel; John, of Norton Township; Adam, who lives in Coventry Township; and a daughter who died young.

Samuel Warner was reared on his father's farm, and helped to clear the home place, modern machinery having come into use about that time. After his marriage he rented a farm in Norton Township for about four years, and then returned to Coventry Township, where he carried on operations on the Thornton farm for a time, removing thence to the old Warner farm. There Mr. and Mrs. Warner lived until locating on the present property, originally the Yearick estate.

On May 26, 1872, Mr. Warner was married to Emma Sailor, who is a daughter of Lewis and Rebecca (Sonon) Sailor, and one child has been born to this union: Clara, who married Charles Winkleman, resides in Akron and has one child, Thore Wayne.

Mr. Warner has always been a Democrat in politics, but has never aspired to public office. With Mrs. Warner he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

PETER W. DOYLE, residing on his well-improved farm in Hudson Township, was born at Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York, June 5, 1853, and is a son of Michael and Mary (McGinnis) Doyle.

Both parents of Mr. Doyle came to America from Ireland, about 1825, unmarried at the time. Mrs. Doyle accompanied her parents, Thomas and Catherine (Rooney) McGinnis, and they located at Waddington, New York. Peter W. Doyle is the sixth member of a family of fifteen children born to his parents twelve of whom survived infancy, as follows: John, who served in the Civil War, died in a hospital at Washington, D. C., May 11, 1865; Catherine, who married James O'Brien, of Morley, New York; Thomas H., in the confectionery business, residing at Boston, Massachusetts; Mrs. Margaret Bushaw, residing at Canton, New York; Mary A., residing at Columbus, unmarried; Peter W.; Jane, deceased, who married Harmon Sanford, also deceased; Michael J., who is ticket agent for the great Pennsylvania system on Euclid avenue, Cleveland; Elizabeth, who married Henry Mohan, of Holyoke, Massachusetts; Edwin C., residing in San Diego County, California; Julia A., residing at Columbus,

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unmarried; and Agnes, who died at Columbus, in 1886.

Peter W. Doyle was twenty-four years of age when he came to Ohio and located at the town of Hudson. For a time he worked for the Straight cheese factory, and from 1879 until 1883, he engaged in farming for W. I. Chamberlain. From there he worked for Harvey Baldwin for three years, and at several other places prior to 1888, when he went to William Post's farm in Hudson Township, where he continued until 1892. He then came to his present farm, which he bought from W. B. Straight. He has made many improvements here and has a valuable property.

On April 25, 1881, Mr. Doyle was married to Mary Raleigh, who was born near Northampton, Ohio, who is a daughter of Edward and Mary (Ryan) Raleigh. They have had eight children, two of whom, twins, died in infancy. The others are: Sarah T., Mary Leona, Edward Walter, Leo Ignatius, Joanna Agnes; and Dorothy. Mr. Doyle and family belong to the Catholic Church at Hudson, of which he is secretary and one of the trustees. He is a member of the Board of Education of Hudson Township. In local affairs, Mr. Doyle votes independently, but in National affairs he supports the candidates of the Democratic party.

ALLEN F. HOFFMAN, one of the leading business citizens of Kenmore, Ohio, where he holds the office of postmaster, was born on his father's farm in Medina County, Ohio, May 4, 1862, and is a son of Adam W. and Julia (Sutter) Hoffman.

Isaac Hoffman, grandfather of Allen F., came from Pennsylvania to Ohio as a pioneer and settled in Mahoning County, later removing to Burbank, Wayne County, where he died. Mr. Hoffman was a mason by trade, but in his later years engaged in farming. He had three children: Joseph, who died when a boy; Caroline, who was the wife of J. Baker; and Adam W., the father of Allen F.

Adam W. Hoffman grew up on his father's farm and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he carried on in his younger years. He now holds a responsible position as stationary engineer at Burbank. He married Julia Sutter, who was born in Pennsylvania and who came to Ohio with her parents. Allen F. was the only child born of this union.

Allen F. Hoffman attended the common schools and the Burbank High School, after graduating from which he began work as a clerk in a hardware store. He then spent some time in the hardware, grocery and post office of William Frary. In 1899 he removed to Barberton and entered the employ of the Barberton Hardware Company, in which he became a stock holder. His present place of business was then a branch of this company, he being the general manager thereof, and in 1907 he and his son Max L. purchased this place which is known as the Kenmore Supply Company. Mr. Hoffman handles general merchandise, hardware, dry goods and groceries, and enjoys a steady trade. He is a director and stock holder in the People's Savings and Banking Company of Barberton, at which place he owns property. In 1901 Mr. Hoffman was appointed postmaster at Kenmore, being the first to hold that office here, and he was one of the organizers of the Fourth Class Postmasters' League, of which he was elected president. Mr. Hoffman is connected fraternally with the Knights of the Maccabees. With his family he attends the United Brethren Church of Barberton.

Mr. Hoffman married Alta M. Luse, who is a daughter of W. B. and Sarah (Pelton) Luse. The fruit of this marriage is one child —Max L.—who at present is associated with his father in business, having been formerly connected with the Babcox-Wilcox Company of New York City. He married Olive G. Hoak, who is a daughter of Rev. J. T. Hoak. Mr. Hoffman is located on Kenmore Boulevard, Kenmore, Ohio.

GENERAL CHARLES DICK. The State of Ohio has only once come to Summit County for a United States Senator. That was in February, 1904, when Charles Dick,

then representing the nineteenth district in Congress, was triumphantly elected to the higher station. The fact that a trainload of the representative citizens of Akron journeyed to Columbus to be present at the joint-session of the legislature electing him, is evidence of the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors.

Most of those who have risen to high places during their residence in Summit County were born elsewhere. Most of them had the advantages of a splendid education obtained elsewhere. The subject of this sketch, on the other hand, is, in all respects, a product of our own county.

He was born in the city of Akron, November 3, 1858. His parents were very poor, but eminently respectable people. His father, Gottlieb Dick, was born in Germany, and besides being able to rear his family in comfort and give them the benefit of the public schools education, he had not found America to be a place of riches for all who came to it. His mother, Mary M. (Handel) Dick, was also of German ancestry.

In September, 1864, he began his education in the Akron public schools and completed it by graduation from the Akron High School with the class of 1876. He was then compelled by circumstances to begin a business career at once and he secured a position as clerk in the store for men's furnishings on the corner of Market and Howard Streets, then kept by Chipman & Barnes. He clerked for two years, continuing his studies the meanwhile, especially the business branches. The banking concern known as The Citizens' Savings and Loan Association, since merged with The Second National Bank, offered him a position as bookkeeper and teller, which he accepted and honorably filled for a period of six years. His next advance was in 1879 when he became bookkeeper for the J. F. Seiberling Co., manufacturers of the Empire mowers and reapers.

In 1881, he formed a partnership with Lucius C. Miles, a son-in-law of Mr. Seiberling, under the firm name of Dick and Miles, and together they conducted the leading grain and commission business of the city. In February, 1890, J. Ed. Peterson, brother-in-law of Mr. Dick, succeeded Mr. Miles in the partnership. The new firm of Dick & Peterson continued until the increasing political responsibilities of Mr. Dick made it necessary for him to withdraw from the active conduct of the business.

In the spring of 1886, Mr. Dick was nominated for Auditor by the Republicans of Summit County, after one of the hardest fights in Summit County's history. The Republican ticket that year was elected by good pluralities, and Mr. Dick took up the duties of auditor early in 1887. In 1889, he was re-elected and served the county faithfully until the expiration of his second term in 1893. In the conscientious discharge of his duties, he felt obliged to proceed against some of Akron's wealthy and most influential citizens because of their failure to list personal property for taxation. It was at best a disagreeable and unwelcome task: but he performed it faithfully and to the satisfaction of the great mass of citizens of the county, even though one or two unavoidable enmities resulted from this resolve of a conscientious office-holder to perform his full duty, without fear or favor. As an evidence of the commendation accorded his course, his second election as county auditor was by a largely increased majority over his first.

He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1894, and to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1897. For about ten years he was senior member of the law firm of Dick, Doyle & Bryan at Akron, Ohio, until this partnership disbanded upon the election of Mr. Doyle to the Common Pleas bench.

Senator Dick was continuously and more or less actively interested in many of Akron's industrial and financial institutions until the point was reached when his genius (for such it is) for organization in the political field was afforded full opportunity to display itself and consumed most of his time.

His first experience was as member and chairman of the Summit County Republican Committee, with which he was actively identi-

fied for a long time. Splendid success crowned his efforts, and throughout his entire public career of more than a score of years, practically all political contests under his leadership have resulted victoriously. No one having knowledge of his record would assume to question his fame and merit as a great political general. In 1892 he was made Chairman of the Ohio Republican State Executive Committee, in which capacity he is still serving, and during more than a decade of his service as State Chairman increasing majorities have been piled up for the Republican ticket.

In 1895-6 he co-operated most effectively with Senator Hanna in promoting the canvass of William McKinley for nomination as Republican candidate for President, and during the ensuing campaign officiated as Secretary of the Chicago headquarters of the Republican National Committee, continuing as Secretary of that Committee until 1900. He was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions of 1892 and 1896, and delegate-at-large from Ohio to the Republican National Conventions of 1900 and 1904.

In recognition of the statesmanlike qualities he had displayed and of his efforts in behalf of the party, the Republican Congressional convention at Warren, in June, 1898, nominated him as its candidate for the House of Representatives. He was selected from a field of most worthy opponents after a hard fight. In March, 1899, he began his duties at Washington as Congressman and has been a national figure ever since. He was re-elected in 1900 and in 1902.

In February, 1904, on the death of Senator Hanna, he was elected to the United States Senate, to serve the remainder of the term expiring in 1905, and also for the full term expiring in 1911, receiving the unanimous vote of his party in the Ohio General Assembly.

Mr. Dick's career in Congress has been such as to justify fully all the confidence and hopes which the people of Ohio have had in him. Senator Dick is the author of the Dick Militia Law, was the main instrument in securing its passage, and has actively participated in much other important legislation. The Militia Law put the affairs of the entire National Guard on a practical and efficient basis for the first time in our history. He is now Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Mining, and a member of several important committees, including that on Naval Affairs.

Early in his career Mr. Dick became interested in military affairs and joined Company B of the Eighth Regiment, O. N. G. He rose by steady promotion to be captain of the company, and in 1888 was elected major of the Eighth Regiment. He was afterward made colonel and brigadier general, and finally, in 1904, he was put at the head of the Ohio National Guard with the rank of major-general. He is also president of The Interstate National Guard Association. In 1898, on the breaking out of the war with Spain, Lieutenant-Colonel Dick went to the front with the Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with the regiment in the short Cuban campaign. He was not one of the officers participating in the famous "Round Robin," but was chosen and detailed by General Shafter as the one to make personal representation to President McKinley and the War Department concerning the precarious situation of our troops in Cuba after the cessation of hostilities.

Mr. Dick was married to Miss Carrie May Peterson, of Akron, on June 30, 1881. Seven children have been born to them, of whom five are now living, namely: Carl P., James E., Lucius A., Grace and Dorothy.

MORDECAI JOHN MORRIS, superintendent of the Massillon Navarre Coal Company, the mines of which are situated four miles northwest of Clinton, in Summit County, with offices at Massillon and Cleveland, is a practical coal miner and has had years of experience in the mining field, both as a worker and as an official. Mr. Morris was born in Cumbach, Wales, the name of his home being translated into English as "little valley," March 17, 1849, and is a son of John and Ann (Edmunds) Morris.

The father of Mr. Morris was a mining

engineer who was educated at Oxford University. After his marriage he emigrated to America, locating at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1845, where he engaged in a mining business with his cousin, David Morris, later coming to Summit County, where David Morris operated the Chippewa mines in Franklin Township, John Morris entering his employ. He was accidentally killed on the railroad at Orrville, in 1854, at the age of sixty-five years. His widow survived to the age of seventy-two years, dying in Arkansas. Of their family of twenty children, the following survive: Margaret, who married Benjamin Morris; Jane, who married Peter Brown; Martha, who married William Jones; William and Mordecai John. Five of the sons proved their patriotism during the Civil War, namely: John, William, Thomas, Benjamin and Mordecai, all of whom were brave soldiers, several of them gaining distinction. John and William were members of the Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, William being captain of Company D, and John being first sergeant. Thomas was a member of Company A, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in that regiment for four years and six months. Benjamin was a member of Company H, Ninetieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and Mordecai served in Company G, 179th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. It was brave John Morris who was the engineer that blew up Fort Hill, at Vicksburg, his death following from wounds received.

Mordecai J. Morris was a child when the family came to the United States, several weeks being passed on the sailing vessel that transported them. He went to school in a little stone structure that still stands across the road from his residence in Franklin Township, and later attended the Union School at Massillon. His first experience as a miner came while still very young. He found employment in Clark's mine at Massillon, first as mule driver and later as laborer, and he was thus employed when the Civil War was declared. Although but sixteen years of age he was of robust figure and when he offered his services he looked capable of carrying a gun and was accepted as a member of the 179th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served from 1864 until the close of the war, in the meanwhile participating in the battles of Franklin and Nashville.

After the end of his military service, Mr. Morris returned for a short time to Massillon, from which place he went to Mineral Ridge, in Trumbull County, where he worked for his uncle until 1868. From there he went to Brazil, Indiana, in the heart of the coal fields, and was made assistant superintendent of the Clay Coal Company of Indiana; his brother William at that time being general superintendent. He remained there for two years and then accepted the position of superintendent of the Sand Creek Coal Company of Parke County, Indiana, and continued there until the great business depression caused by the panic of 1873. Mr. Morris then went back to Summit County and subsequently became superintendent of the Johnston Coal Company. The mines of this company are located five miles south of Akron. He continued to perform the duties of this office for five years, becoming well known. Mr. Morris then went to Massillon, where he became superintendent of the Massillon Pigeon Run Coal Company, remaining for five years with that concern, and then spent one year as superintendent of the J. F. Card Coal Company, at Wadsworth, Ohio.

In 1882, Mr. Morris retired from the coal mining business for a time, and turned his attention to farming on his father-in-law's property until 1887. At that time he went to Springfield, Missouri, where he embarked in a real estate and mining business, which he caried on unitl 1893, when he returned to Summit County. He is interested in several mine properties in this section and is superintendent of one of the large coal industries of this part of Ohio.

On April 16, 1876, Mr. Morris was married to Sarah Ellen Rhodes, who is a daughter of Peter and Nancy Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Morris belong to the United Brethren Church.

L. M. KAUFFMAN

Politically, Mr. Morris is a Republican and is serving as a member of the Republican County Central Committee. As far back as the Morris family can be traced, its occupations have been mining and farming.

L. M. KAUFFMAN, a prominent member of one of the representative families of Summit County, a large land owner in Franklin Township, and president of the Summit County Agricultural Society, was born on his present farm of 200 acres in the southeastern corner of Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, January 25, 1851, and is a son of William and Catherine (Stump) Kauffman.

John and Mary (Young) Kauffman, the paternal grandparents of Mr. Kauffman, came to Ohio overland in 1827 from Pennsylvania and settled for a short time near Uniontown, whence they removed to Franklin Township, and purchased 160 acres of the present farm of the subject of this sketch for about $450, receiving a deed therefor signed by President Andrew Jackson, which is still in the possession of Mr. Kauffman. This land had been entered prior to this time, but little clearing had been done on it. In their later years John and Mary (Young) Kauffman retired to Manchester, where Mr. Kauffman died in 1876, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife in 1867. They were the parents of two children: William, the father of L. M.; and Sophia E., who married Jonathan Sours and resides in Illinois.

William Kauffman grew up on the Franklin Township farm, his education being secured in the schools of Manchester. He became a prominent citizen and leading agriculturist of his section, and at his early death in 1859, at the age of thirty-four years, the township and county lost a good and useful man. For some years Mr. Kauffman had served on the School Board, and he had always taken a great interest in educational work. He was married to Catherine Stump, who also came from Pennsylvania when young, and she still survives him. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman, namely: Rev. J. C. Kauffman, D. D., who graduated from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and is now a resident of Mount Carmel, Illinois; L. M.; Mary, who died in 1859; Ella, who married Dr. J. M. Sissler, now deceased; William F., who died in 1859; and Rev. S. S. Kauffman, D. D., a graduate of Wittenberg College, and of Union Seminary, New York City, who now resides at Chicago, Illinois.

L. M. Kauffman removed with the family to Manchester after the death of his father, and there he secured his education in the public schools. He then attended Greensburg Academy, and at the age of sixteen years commenced teaching, which he continued for many years in Franklin Township, although his first term was in Coventry Township. Since retiring from the educational profession Mr. Kauffman has given his entire attention to farming and stock-raising, and his fine farm is one of the best improved and most valuable in Franklin Township. Mr. Kauffman is a Democrat in politics, and has been very prominent in public life. For about twenty years he was a member of the School Board, most of which time he was its president, and resigned from that position in 1906, at which time he was elected township treasurer. He has been on the Fair Board for nineteen years, representing Franklin Township, has served in the capacity of vice-president for some years, and since 1905 has been the official president of this important organization. With his family he belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which he is superintendent of the Sunday School and a deacon. Mr. Kauffman takes rank among the solid, substantial men of the township.

Mr. Kauffman was married to Amanda E. Marsh, who died January 22, 1903. She was a daughter of George L. and Elizabeth (Hayne) Marsh, of Franklin Township. Of this union there has been born a family of four children, namely: Leman W., who married Myrta V. Guiley, and died June 7, 1904, aged thirty years, leaving two children —Lenore and Kathryn; Edna E.; Myrtle E., and Edgar M. All of these children have

been actively concerned in educational work as teachers in the public schools.

CLARENCE EDWARD DIEHL, who owns 140 acres of excellent farming land in Green Township, was born October 2, 1873, on his father's farm near Manchester, Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Eliza M. (Diehl) Diehl.

William Diehl was born in York County, Pennsylvania. He served throughout the Civil War, and although never wounded, he was confined in a hospital for several months with typhoid fever. He returned to Pennsylvania after the war, but shortly thereafter moved to Ohio and settled on a small farm south of Manchester, in Franklin Township, Summit County. There he resided until after his marriage, when he removed to the 165-acre farm now owned by his son, Clarence E. Diehl. On this property William Diehl resided until retiring from farm work, in 1905, when he moved to Barberton, where he is a foreman in the Barberton Boiler Works. Mr. Diehl was married in Franklin Township, to Eliza M. Diehl, who was born in that township, and is a daughter of Daniel Diehl, a pioneer of Summit County. Daniel Diehl reached this section with but fifty cents in his pocket, and lived to become the owner of 11,000 acres of land in addition to other property. To Mr. and Mrs. Diehl the following children were born: Hattie, who married C. C. Swigart; Clarence Edward; Curtis; Bertha, who married H. Thornton; Claude; Wallace and Harley, twins; and Grace and Maude, the latter three being deceased.

Clarence Edward Diehl was one year old when the family settled on the old Diehl farm on the township line, and there he spent his boyhood days. He attended the district school and spent one year at the High School at Manchester. Until his marriage he worked on his father's farm, after which he bought a one-half interest in the farm where Otis Tritt now lives. He cultivated this property for three years, but subsequently moved to East Liberty.

Mr. Diehl was married in September, 1900, to Laura M. Foust, who is a daughter of Frederick and Lucetta (Keplar) Foust, the former of whom died in 1902. The latter resides at East Liberty. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Diehl, namely: Lottie N. Mr. Diehl is an active member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a Democrat in politics, and he has served three terms as school director and has also been road supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Diehl belongs to the Reformed Church.

GEORGE W. FOUST, township trustee and owner of sixty-three acres of farm land in Coventry Township, is one of the prominent citizens of this section. He was born July 5, 1842, in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of George and Nelly (Farnsworth) Foust.

George Foust was born in Pennsylvania, and grew to manhood in his native locality, there learning the wagon-making trade. After his marriage, Mr. Foust emigrated to Ohio, making the journey in wagons, and in 1832 settled in the woods of Coventry Township, where he purchased a small farm and erected a wagon-making shop. He also carried on farming to some extent, and was an industrious and useful citizen. His old sledge hammer, used by him for many years, is now in the possession of his son, George W. Mr. Foust died in 1878 at the age of 72 years, and his widow, who was born in 1810, passed away about five years later. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Foust, five grew to maturity, namely: Louisa, who is the widow of E. McCamm; Julia, now deceased, who was the wife of E. Sholley; George Washington; Elizabeth, who married J. Hemmelrick; and Frank J.

George W. Foust attended the old district school near his home, where he obtained a fair education. He remembers a custom which was in vogue at that time, that each family with children attending school should furnish wood according to the number of pupils. Mr. Foust remained at home until after his marriage, and in 1869 purchased

forty-two acres of land from Andrew Metzler, later adding thereto from time to time until he became one of the township's large landholders. This property, which is bounded on the south by the Erie Railroad, is situated about three miles southwest of the city of Akron, and is well cultivated and very valuable. Mr. Foust recently sold forty-two acres of his land for town lots, and the remainder is rented by him, he having retired from active pursuits. In political matters he is a Democrat, and in 1900 he was elected to the office of township trustee, a position which he still holds.

On March 3, 1867, Mr. Foust was united in marriage with Marietta Triplet, who was a daughter of John and Laura (Bellows) Triplet, and whose grandfather was a laborer on the canal at fifty cents per day. Mr. and Mrs. Foust attended the same district school, having grown up together in the same school district. Mrs. Foust died May 3, 1905, aged fifty-eight years, having been the mother of two children, namely: Adda, who married Peter Carl, resides at Akron and has two children—Bessie and Park; and Lilly B., who married John Wagoner, resides at Akron and has four children—Ernest, Florence, Harold and Ethel. Mr. Foust is a member of the Evangelical Church, which at the present time he is serving as trustee.

F. M. COOKE, secretary of the Bruner-Goodhue-Cooke Company, of Akron, and also of the Akron Building and Loan Association, with offices at No. 136 South Main Street, is one of the popular and successful young business men of this city. He was born at Middlepoint, Van Wert County, Ohio, in 1869.

At the age of fourteen years, Mr. Cooke went to Bluffton, Ohio, and was graduated from the Bluffton High School, after which, in 1886, he entered Buchtel College, where he was graduated in 1891, with the degree of A. B. He at once accepted a position with the Crescent Fire Insurance Company, of Cleveland, where he remained one year. In June, 1892, he entered the office of Wilcox & Noah, at Akron, and when a stock company was formed, in 1897, he became secretary of the Wilcox-Bruner Company, which became the Bruner-Goodhue-Cooke Company in 1899. Since June, 1894, he has also been secretary of the Akron Building and Loan Association, having been assistant secretary for many years prior to that date. He is also a stockholder in several other important business enterprises of this city. Mr. Cooke is president of the Akron Board of Underwriters and past president of the Ohio Association of Fire Insurance Agents. He belongs to the Board of Trustees of Buchtel College, being a member of the Executive Committee.

In 1897, Mr. Cooke was married to Mabel K. Page, who is a daughter of Thomas S. Page, of Akron. Mr. Cooke is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, has held all the offices in the Blue Lodge, and was worshipful master of Adoniram Lodge, in 1903. He is president of the Akron Masonic Club and is a member of the Portage Country Club.

MARTIN LIMBACH, JR., a prominent citizen and representative business man of Clinton, Ohio, who is a member of the well-known firm of Limbach Brothers, was born July 4, 1852, in Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of Martin and Mary (Zepp) Limbach.

Martin Limbach, Sr., was born in 1806 in Bavaria, Germany, where he carried on shoemaking and farming until the fall of 1852, when with his family he came to America, where his son George had come some time before. The family made their way to Massillon, via Cleveland, and in 1853 came to Clinton, where Mr. Limbach established a shoe business, and here continued the remainder of his life. His death occurred March 28, 1885. Mr. Limbach married Mary Zepp, who was born September 12, 1808, and died September 14, 1863, and to them were born a family of eight children: George; Christina, who married John A. Weil; Mary, who married Peter Miller; Henry; Jacob, of Clinton; Balzer, who was last heard of in the West, where he had gone in 1867; Adam, who is in partnership with Martin; and Martin.

Martin Limbach, Jr., spent his boyhood at Clinton, where he attended the district schools, and also went for a short time to the public schools at Ashland, after which he worked for a time at farming and at driving his brother Jacob's canal boat. In 1867 he started to learn the shoemaker's trade with his brother Henry, and this he has followed successfully to the present time. For thirty years he had the agency of the Domestic sewing machines, and in this time became well known throughout this part of the country. He and his brother Adam then formed a partnership and started a shoe business in a small way. In 1872 they began adding factory stock to their supply, and they now carry a full stock of all the best lines of shoes. In 1887 they built the first brick block in Clinton and they now own all of the brick business buildings in Clinton except one. Martin Limbach also owns much property in Texas, as well as throughout Summit County. He is vice-president of the Clinton Savings Bank. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served one term as township treasurer and two terms as jury commissioner. On November 22, 1879, Mr. Limbach was married to Minnie M. Casenhiser, who is a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Emory) Casenhiser.

W. E. WILSON, junior member of the firm of Betzler and Wilson, manufacturers of the Betzler and Wilson Fountain Pen, a prospering industry at Akron, came to this city in 1878. He was born at Niles, Ohio, November 3, 1869, and was about nine years old when his parents—James and Isabella (Biggers) Wilson—located in Akron.

Mr. Wilson was educated in the Akron schools and, being an ambitious boy, early began to be self-supporting, securing a position with the B. F. Goodrich Company while still young. He was faithful and industrious and remained with that company and the American Hard Rubber Company until 1891. He then went to Cincinnati, where he was engaged in the fountain pen business until 1892, when he returned to Akron and, in partnership with J. F. Betzler, established the firm of Betzler and Wilson, for the manufacture of the fountain pen bearing the name of the firm. The business has prospered and fifteen men are employed in the factory at Nos. 54-56 South Street, while four traveling salesmen represent the firm on the road. They manufacture 100 different styles of pen, making a specialty of the Betzler and Wilson Self-filling Pen.

In 1892 Mr. Wilson was married to Ella I. Gregory, of Akron. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council at Akron, the Alkoran Shrine and the Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland. He is prominent also as an Odd Fellow, belonging to both branches of the order. Mr. Wilson, like Mr. Betzler, is an enterprising business man, one who not only understands the demands of the public for a first-class article, but knows also how to push its sale. The firm stands high as a business house of Akron.

CHRISTIAN VOGT, a retired capitalist of Akron, was born in Germany, in 1846, and was six years of age when his parents brought him to America, locating in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio, near the old Western Reserve mill. They were John and Susan M. (Selzer) Vogt, the former of whom died on his farm in Springfield Township, September 8, 1856, being survived by his widow until 1886.

Left fatherless when still young, Christian Vogt had heavy responsibilities fall on his shoulders, and had fewer advantages than would have been his had his father's life been longer. Whenever he had the opportunity he attended school, but most of his time until he was sixteen years old was spent in working on a farm and in the coal mines. He subsequently came to Akron, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked until 1876. Then he opened a business of his own, which he conducted for about fifteen years, prospering in the meanwhile, and at various times being a good judge of values, investing in property. In 1880 he built the Vogt block, on the corner of Buehtel Avenue and

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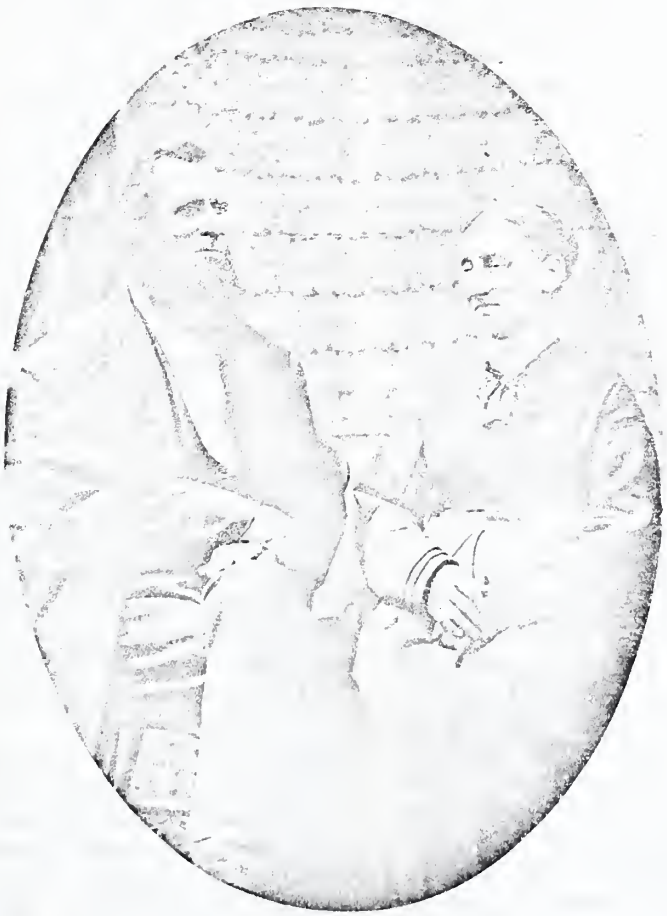

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL FREDERICK

Main Street, a fine brick structure, 62 by 60 feet in dimension in its main part, and 40 by 60 in the rear, and another three-story frame 25 by 60 feet. Mr. Vogt owns a considerable amount of real estate in other parts of the city. In 1869, Mr. Vogt was married to Mary E. McDonald, who is a member of an old Summit County family. Politically Mr. Vogt is a Democrat and is his party's nominee for membership on the Board of Public Service, a position for which he is eminently fitted. Perhaps no citizen of Akron has done more to improve and beautify the city than has he. Its public parks have been improved greatly through his deep interest in the work, which he has carried on more or less for twenty-three years, and for which he has never accepted any compensation. He served fifteen years as a park commissioner, four years on the School Board and for four years occupied a seat in the City Council. A true, public-spirited citizen, he has worked for the betterment of Akron from unselfish motives.

SAMUEL FREDERICK, superintendent of the roads of District No. 3, Portage Township, is a leading citizen of this section and now lives retired from agricultural pursuits, at his comfortable home on Wooster Avenue, Sherbondy Hill. He was born at Doylestown, Wayne County, Ohio, February 27, 1831, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Rasor) Frederick.

Jacob Frederick was born at New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, and at Doylestown was married to Margaret Rasor, who was born in Trumbull County, Ohio. In 1841 Jacob Frederick moved from Doylestown to Copley Township, Summit County, where he purchased his first farm of eighty-four acres, to which he subsequently added until he owned 120 acres of excellent land. In partnership with his eldest son, Samuel, he bought forty acres of timberland, twenty of which came later into Samuel's possession. Both parents of Samuel Frederick died in Copley Township, Mrs. Frederick passing away first, followed by her husband four years later, when he had reached his eighty-fourth year. They were people of high character, honest, industrious and kind.

For sixty-one years Samuel Frederick was a resident of Copley Township, the period covered being from the age of ten years to 1901, when he retired from his farm and settled at Sherbondy Hill. In early manhood Mr. Frederick went to Wadsworth and worked at the shoemaking trade with his uncle, John Rasor, but did not continue at this trade very long, later learning the cooper's trade, at which he worked for several years, making flour barrels. He purchased his first farm in Copley Township, shortly after his marriage in 1851 and lived on it for almost fifty years. It contains 127 acres and is a good property. For sixteen years Mr. Frederick operated a threshing machine, engaging for two years in threshing clover seed, and during the last season he made the record of 1,300 bushels of this seed. In the meantime, he bought an acre of land on Sherbondy Hill, on which his son built a barn and comfortable residence, and in 1901 Mr. Frederick sold his farm to Hustus Keppler and removed to this quiet home.

In 1851, at Wadsworth, Ohio, Mr. Frederick was married to Sarah Fryman, a daughter of Daniel Fryman. Mrs. Frederick was born in Pennsylvania and died in Copley Township, September 8, 1901. She was a woman of many Christian virtues and was the mother of the following children: Susan, Benjamin F., John H., Jacob, Eliza, Ellen Elizabeth, Daniel and George Byron. The survivors are: Susan; Benjamin F., who resides in Portage Township; Ellen Elizabeth, who married M. J. Lohr, and died November 8, 1907; and Daniel, who resides also in Portage Township.

Mr. Frederick has been a leader in township affairs for many years and has frequently held offices of responsibility. He served as trustee and as road supervisor in Copley Township and now fills an important office in Portage Township. He is a member of the Loyal Oak Lutheran Church, having joined this religious body at Doylestown, when but eighteen years of age. For sixty years he has kept the faith and lived according to the

precepts of his church. He is widely known and universally respected.

FREDERICK W. McCHESNEY, a leading citizen of Springfield Township, in which his family has been an old and honored one for several generations, was born at Krumroy, Summit County, Ohio, March 11, 1860, and is a son of William and Louisa (Grassard) McChesney.

The father of Mr. McChesney was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and was seven years old when his parents moved to Ohio and settled on the farm now occupied and owned by William H., their grandson. They died in the house in which Frederick W. was born. William McChesney was reared in Springfield Township and became a man of property—owning 250 acres of land—and of much local prominence. It was mainly through his efforts that the Valley Railroad was extended through this section, and he gave the land for the site of the depot and even helped to build it. His death occurred in the fall of 1905, when he was in his eighty-ninth year. He married Louisa Grassard, who was born in France and was a daughter of Peter Grassard, who served as a soldier under the great Napoleon, afterward coming to America. She died January 25, 1897. Of the six children born to William and Louisa McChesney, Charles died in infancy. The survivors are: Edward A., residing in Springfield Township, a farmer, contractor and builder, married Sarah Wise; William H., residing on the old homestead, which he owns, married Lucy Thompson; Philora E., residing at Akron, the wife of George L. Sypher; Herman G., residing at Akron, married Lucy Wright, a daughter of Hon. Thomas Wright, formerly a member of the State Legislature from Summit County (Lucy Wright McChesney died December 14, 1907); and Frederick W.

Frederick W. McChesney was educated in the public schools of Springfield Township, and after attaining manhood, he engaged in farming and in real estate and loans. In 1884 he settled on his present farm of 115 acres, which he has placed under fine cultivation. He has done much improving and in 1904 he built his fine bank barn, 80 by 40 feet in dimensions. It is of modern architecture and is equipped with all sanitary conveniences. He carries on mixed farming and dairying and keeps first-class milch cows. His land is situated on the Massillon road and near Springfield Lake and close to the city of Akron.

March 6, 1884, Mr. McChesney was married to Nettie Yerrick, who was born in Springfield Township and is a daughter of Cyrus and Catherine (Swinehart) Yerrick, the former of whom was formerly a justice of the peace in this township. Mrs. McChesney before her marriage was a teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. McChesney have six children, namely: Maud, Leo, Lura, Fred, Mark and John. All the children have had superior educational advantages.

Politically, Mr. McChesney is a Republican, and has taken an active part in party work, attending many important conventions as a delegate. He has served as a member of the Springfield Township School Board for fourteen years, and has assisted in bringing the schools of his township to a high standard excelled by few in the state of Ohio. With his family, he belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

NEWTON CHALKER, a retired lawyer of Akron, who has been identified with both the business and professional life of the city for over thirty years, is generally recognized as one of Akron's prominent men.

The Chalker family originated in England and became established about 1640 in Connecticut, and in 1805 in Ohio. James Chalker, the grandfather of Newton Chalker, was born at Saybrook, Connecticut, where he married Mercy Norton, and with his wife and an infant son he came to the Western Reserve, locating in Southington, Trumbull County, in the year 1805. Selecting a location in the midst of the forest, he built a cabin of logs, and entered upon a pioneer existence. He lived until 1867, his span of life covering

ninety years, and the death of his aged wife but shortly preceding his own. They reared thirteen children—Orrin, Joseph, Edmond, James, Phœbe, Anna, Polly, Calvin, Daniel, Philander, Harrison, Allen and Merey.

James Chalker, Jr., the father of Newton, was born in Southington, June 15, 1811. His educational opportunities were confined to three winter terms in an old log schoolhouse, situated one mile east of Southington Center, but by much reading he became in after years well versed in history, and was also a thorough student of the Bible. When a young man he purchased on credit a tract of fifty acres of woodland, located two miles west of Southington Center, where, after years of earnest labor, he established a comfortable home for himself and family. He eventually became one of the largest land owners in the township, having added to his original property from time to time. Mr. Chalker was married (first) to Eliza Jane Hyde, of Farmington, who died in 1849, leaving three children: Byron, who became a farmer, and died in Southington at the age of fifty-two years; Newton, subject of this article; and Columbus, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; another child, Benson, died in infancy. In 1851 Mr. Chalker was married (second) to Adeline Timmerman, who was born in the state of New York, and they had two daughters, Mary Jane and Bertha. The former married A. J. Morris, a resident of Southington, and died in her thirty-seventh year. The latter became the wife of Thomas McConnell, a resident of Youngstown, Ohio. James Chalker died September 23, 1893, having passed his eighty-second birthday. For years he was a pillar of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Newton Chalker, the subject of this sketch, was born in Southington, Trumbull County, Ohio, September 12, 1842, and was the third, but is now the only surviving, son of the above named James, Jr., and Eliza J. Chalker. In childhood and early youth he lived and labored on the farm of his father, and attended the district schools until he was fourteen years of age, after which, for six years, at irregular intervals, he was a student at the Western Reserve Seminary, West Farmington, Ohio, at times boarding himself and doing the janitor work of the school to pay his room rent and tuition; in the meanwhile becoming a very successful district school teacher. Beginning at the age of sixteen years he taught successively the winter term in the townships of Braceville, Southington, Parkman and Champion, in Ohio, and Litchfield, in Michigan. In the spring of 1862, while in attendance at school he offered his services in defense of his country, enlisting in Company B, Eighty-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which belonged to the department of the army then under the command of General George B. McClellan. The most important military event of his term of service was the protracted battle of Harper's Ferry, September 12-15, 1862, in which the Union forces were captured by those of Stonewall Jackson, the latter having a very much larger force. In the fall of 1862, on account of the expiration of its term of enlistment, the Eighty-seventh Regiment was mustered out, and the members who had survived its many dangers returned to their homes, Mr. Chalker being one of them.

In the spring of 1863, Mr. Chalker entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in June, 1866, with the degree of B. A., later receiving that of M. A. During 1866-7 he served as principal of Dixon Seminary, at Dixon, Illinois, and in the year following he accepted the superintendency of the public schools at Darlington, Wisconsin. But while successful to a flattering degree as an educator, this was not the full extent of his ambition. In September, 1868, therefore, after some preliminary preparation, he entered the Albany Law School, and in 1869 he was graduated with the degree of B. L. In the fall of that year he entered upon the practice of his profession at Cameron, Missouri, where he remained until 1874. He then returned to Ohio, in the summer of that year locating in Akron, since which time, until recently, this city has been his home.

Mr. Chalker continued actively engaged in the practice of law until 1894, when he began to give the greater part of his attention to his other large and varied interests. He was one of the founders of the Peoples' Savings Bank at Akron, and of the Savings Bank at Barberton, owning a large amount of stock, and serving on the Board of Directors of the former institution. He owns a large amount of property, including a farm adjoining Southington, which he now makes his legal residence; also several hundred acres of land in the island of Cuba. He has purchased and improved a number of tracts in Summit County, several of these being new additions to Akron, notably that choice residence section known as North Hill.

After giving up his law practice, Mr. Chalker, in 1895-6, made a busy trip around the globe, having previously visited, by preference, almost every interesting portion of his own land. Among the countries he visited on this trip were Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Nubia, India, Burmah, China, Japan and our own Sandwich Islands, in all of which he found much to interest a man of cultured mind.

Mr. Chalker is identified politically with the Republican party. Since 1892 he has been a member of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and has served as its commander. One of his distinguishing characteristics is his civic pride in regard to Akron, and another, his tender memory of the old home where he was reared, and of the locality with which his parents and grandparents were so closely identified. The old Methodist Church in which they worshipped has profited many hundreds of dollars by his bounty in the past few years. There has also just been completed at Southington the Newton-Chalker High School, which Mr. Chalker has erected at a cost of $20,000, and which was donated by him to the Board of Education, the donation ceremonies taking place on August 22, 1907. His charities have always been large, their full extent being known only to himself. His acquaintance is extensive, and his friendships include individuals of taste, learning and culture in many parts of the world.

JOHN WILLIAM SORRICK, M.D., one of Coventry Township's leading physicians and respected citizens, a veteran of the great Civil War, and a worthy representative of an old and honored Summit County family, was born March 10, 1848, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Adam and Sophia (Hoy) Sorrick.

John Sorrick, grandfather of John W., came from Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, to Ohio in wagons, and settled in Franklin Township, Summit County, where the rest of his life was spent in clearing a farm from the woods. He passed a very eventful life, accumulated considerable property, and died at a ripe old age, honored and esteemed. He was the father of five children —Adam, John, Jacob, Solomon, and Ann. The last mentioned married Waldo Wagner.

Adam Sorrick was a native of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and was about six years old when the family came to Ohio in 1817. He grew up on his father's farm and was reared to agricultural pursuits, but in his youth became a successful surveyor, which occupation he carried on to quite an extent in connection with farming. His death occurred in 1860, and that of his wife in 1889, when she was in her seventy-third year. Mr. and Mrs. Sorrick were the parents of thirteen children, of whom eight grew to maturity, namely: Oliver, A., a resident of Akron; John William; Marshall H., who lives at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Thomas E., now deceased; Alice Ann, who is the widow of B. F. Grove; Lewis E. and Charles O., deceased; and Mary E., who married Rev. E. P. Wise, of East Liverpool, Ohio.

John William Sorrick was reared on his father's farm in Franklin Township, and secured his primary education in the district schools. In 1871 he began reading medicine with Dr. A. Sisler of Manchester, Ohio, and he was later under the preceptorship of Dr. W. C. Jacobs of Akron. He then entered the

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Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with his degree in 1875, when he immediately formed a partnership with Dr. Jacobs, with whom he remained three years. Dr. Sorrick spent three months in a trip to Paris, France, to visit the first exposition, and on his return settled at Thomastown for two years, subsequently locating at his present offices, which he purchased from David Tritt in 1885. In 1898 Dr. Sorrick joined an Alaskan gold hunting party, but after about a year's unsuccessful prospecting he returned to his home, although he still owns claims above the arctic circle. Dr. Sorrick is now engaged in a very successful general practice at East Akron, where he has the confidence of the community. At the age of sixteen years, Dr. Sorrick enlisted in Company A, 191st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served eight months to the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge. He can still call the roll from memory, and is a popular comrade of Buckley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Akron.

On July 3, 1884, Dr. Sorrick was married to Lucy S. Neitz, who was a daughter of Elias and Mary Neitz. She died April 28, 1904, aged thirty-nine years. To Dr. and Mrs. Sorrick there were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. The survivors are: Kenneth Blaine, who married Maggie Whitfield, and resides at East Akron; and Esther, who makes her home with her father.

CLINTON RUCKEL, whose valuable farm of 100 acres is situated at Fairlawn, on the Medina road, three miles west of Akron, has a home which excites favorable comment from every visitor through this section. Mr. Ruckel was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1840, and is a son of George and Hannah (Crevling) Ruckel.

The parents of Mr. Ruckel left Pennsylvania in 1846, and made the overland journey in a covered wagon to Three Rivers, Michigan, with the intention of buying a farm. Conditions there did not suit them, and the family all came to Medina County, Ohio, where the father invested in a small farm. This he cultivated for three years and then sold it and moved to Tallmadge Township, Summit County, where he bought some good land, and both he and wife died there.

Clinton Ruckel was six years of age when his parents left Pennsylvania, and he was mainly reared in Ohio, attending school in Tallmadge Township and also two terms in the Middlebury, now the Sixth Ward school, at Akron. The country at this time was in an unsettled condition, owing to the Civil War, and on August 5, 1862, Mr. Ruckel threw in his lot with the defenders of the Union, enlisting in Company H, 104th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and contracting to serve until the end of the war. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Ohio, under General Schofield, who subsequently joined his forces to those of General Sherman for the Atlanta campaign. After the capture of Atlanta the Twenty-third Army Corps, to which Mr. Ruckel's regiment belonged, was sent back to Tennessee. During the first year of service, his regiment was mainly involved in the fighting in Kentucky, participating in the siege of Knoxville. In the spring of 1864, when the regiment went to Atlanta, it was in good condition, but from that expedition many never returned. With the exception of having his ear drum damaged from concussion at Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864, Mr. Ruckel was fortunate in suffering no serious injury. Having heroically performed his full duty as a soldier, he was mustered out at Greensboro, North Carolina, June 17, 1865. For a short time Mr. Ruckel rested at home with his parents and then went to work in a pottery at Akron, where he remained several years. In the spring of 1882 he settled, with his wife, on his present farm, which he began immediately to improve. All the substantial buildings, including the fine home, were erected by him. He has been engaged in general farming and dairying up to the present time.

On November 10, 1869, Mr. Ruckel was married to Fannie A. Hart, who is a daughter of John C. and Margaret A. (Sterling)

Hart, early settlers in Summit County. John C. Hart, who was in his later years a railroad man, served in the War of 1812; he died very suddenly at Cincinnati in 1902. He left five children, one of whom—George—is living with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Ruckel have had two children: John C. and Lorena, both of whom are now deceased. The little daughter, Lorena, was accidentally killed by falling from a hammock, when aged five years.

FRANK FOWLER LOOMIS, city electrician of Akron, and one of the most expert electrical engineers of Ohio, is a native of this city, where he was born in 1854, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Taylor) Loomis.

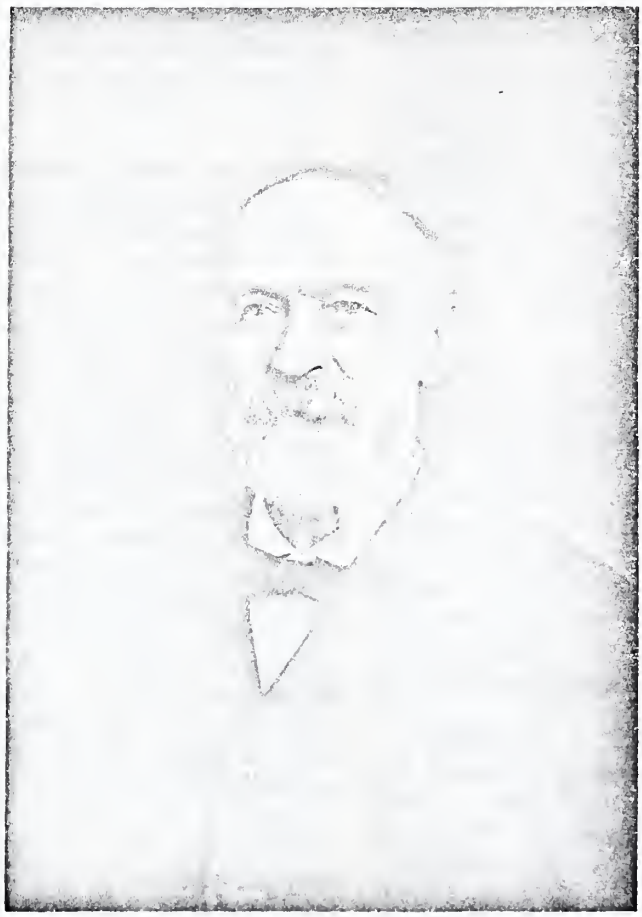
Joseph Loomis located at Akron about 1845, and commanded one of the boats plying on the Akron Canal, which did a large business in those days. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until his death, in 1862, from the effects of a cold contracted while crossing the Cumberland River in the line of duty. His widow survived until 1892.

Frank F. Loomis was eight years old when his father died, and he was taken to the home of his uncle, who operated a farm near Wadsworth, where he remained until 1868. He then came to Akron, where he worked for one year on the canal and one year for the Morrell Pottery Company. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years, and during that period became a member of the Akron Fire Department, an organization with which he has remained identified ever since. In the very early days of the general study of electricity he became interested and soon began to experiment with motors and dynamos, ability for this line of work seeming to belong to him naturally. He soon devoted all of his time to experimenting and inventing, and has been very successful, not only in bringing out new inventions, but also in materially improving many old ones. He has had five patents granted him on motors and dynamos, and four patents on alarm boxes, two on electric drills and two on electric railway signals. It may not be generally known, for Mr. Loomis is modest, notwithstanding his many successes, that he designed and built the first electrical motor police patrol in the world. Since 1880 he has been city electrician at Akron. He practically started the Akron Electrical Manufacturing Company, and he owns stock in a number of other city enterprises. He is considered exceptionally expert in the placing of underground wires. In 1878 Mr. Loomis was married to Barbara Grad. Fraternally, he is an Elk and an Odd Fellow.

C. W. MILLIKEN, M. D., one of Akron's representative medical men, who has been established in this city in the active practice of his profession for the past quarter of a century, is well known all over Summit County. Dr. Milliken was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1856, belonging to an old pioneer family of that section.

From the district schools Dr. Milliken entered the Western Reserve Academy at West Farmington, and completed his literary education at Scio, in Harrison County. Following this, he taught school for five years. In the meantime he engaged in the preliminary study of medicine, and in 1877 he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1880. He then served as an interne in the City Hospital of Harrisburg, and in the Philadelphia City Hospital, coming to Akron in 1882. Dr. Milliken has confined his attention to his profession and ranks very high, both as a physician and surgeon. He is a valued member of the Ohio State, the American and the Northwestern Ohio Medical Associations, whenever practicable, attending the conventions of these bodies, and frequently contributing to their literature.

Dr. Milliken married Kathryn McEbright, who is a daughter of Dr. Thomas McEbright, of Akron. He takes considerable interest in local politics and has served as a member of



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the Board of Education. His fraternal associations include membership in the Masonic and Odd Fellow bodies, and he belongs also to the Royal Arcanum and the Celsus club.

URIAS C. WITNER, a prominent citizen and justice of the peace, in Portage Township, resides on a valuable farm of thirty-one and one-half acres, which has been his home since his marriage. He was born in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio, March 20, 1852, and is a son of Urias and Louisa (Heintz) Witner.

The father of Justice Witner was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1822, and was a son of Daniel and a grandson of George Witner. The latter was the pioneer of the family to Summit County, where he secured land and formed the present site of Buchtel College. Daniel Witner remained in Pennsylvania, working as a weaver until 1828, and securing land, which is now included in the Fourth Ward of Akron, on which he lived for six years. He then purchased 113 acres in what is now Thorntontown, residing there for seven years, and then bought 151 acres on which he and wife lived until death. Of the thirteen children born to Daniel Witner and wife, Urias, the father of Urias C., was the third in order of birth. He was one year old when his parents came to Ohio, and with other members of the family, passed through the usual hardships of pioneer life, growing to manhood strong in body and vigorous in mind. He possessed in youth the qualities which made him friends. In 1850 he purchased a farm in Coventry Township, one which he cleared from the wilderness, and on which he still resides.

Urias Witner married Louisa Heintz on April 30, 1846, with whom he celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of this event in 1906. Mrs. Witner was born in Germany, June 1, 1822, and is a daughter of Peter and Louisa (Bauer) Heintz. Her parents having died, she came to America with a sister. To Urias Witner and wife were born eleven children, the four present survivors being: Urias C., of Portage Township; Mathias, who married Louisa Hallauer; Adeline, who married William Bowers; and George, who married Lulu Killian. Mr. Witner is probably the oldest resident of Coventry Township. Both he and wife have long been valued members of the Baptist Church.

Urias C. Witner was reared in Coventry Township, and in boyhood attended the district schools. Later he taught school, both in Coventry and Portage Townships. On April 2, 1885, he married Blanche Fenner, who is a daughter of Arthur Fenner, and they have four children, namely: Ava, who is a popular teacher in the Grace school, is a graduate of Buchtel Academy and of the Normal school; Arthur, who is in the employ of the Goodrich Rubber Company; Joseph and Ruby.

Following his marriage, Mr. Witner settled on his present farm, which he has greatly improved. In 1886 he erected a commodious frame residence, and in 1897 he remodeled it, introducing many modern comforts. Politically, he is a Democrat, and for twelve years served as a member of the School Board. In 1901 he was elected a justice of the peace and has continued in office to the present time. He is a leading member of the Baptist Church.

SHERMAN P. THOMPSON, one of Hudson Township's representative men, where he owns a large estate, consisting of 335 acres of valuable, highly-improved land, was born in Summit County, Ohio, February 2, 1840. He is a son of Hon. Sylvester H. and Caroline D. (Peck) Thompson, and a grandson of Dr. Moses Thompson.

Dr. Moses Thompson was born January 22, 1776, at Goshen, Connecticut, where he was liberally educated and became a medical practitioner. On December 22, 1797, he married Elizabeth Mills and immediately afterward moved to Kinderhook, New York. There he practiced his profession until 1800, when he joined the first party of settlers coming to Summit County. He accompanied David

Hudson and purchased 750 acres of land in the southwestern part of Hudson Township, for himself and two brothers, Abraham and Stephen, and for his father, Deacon Stephen Thompson. Dr. Thompson then walked back to Connecticut, making the trip in twelve days, and in the spring of 1801, accompanied by his wife and one child, he returned to Summit County and settled on a farm two miles southwest of Hudson, where he spent the rest of his life. On this land he built a log house, which he later replaced by what was considered a very grand house in those days. He lived to the venerable age of over eighty-two years, and even then an accident terminated a life which has been in high degree useful to his fellow-citizens. He was the first medical practitioner in what is now Portage County, and the territory over which he practiced covered a radius of fifty miles. During the War of 1812, Dr. Thompson served as a surgeon. His land in the meantime had proved very productive, and he engaged in the business of shipping produce from it to the southern markets. He was an earnest supporter of all religious and educational enterprises, gave liberally to charity and was a leading man of his day and locality.

Dr. Thompson has the following children: Eliza Lemira, who married Horace Metcalf; Susan, who married Horace Holbrook; Mills; Emily, who became the widow of Samuel Woods; Sylvested H. and Virgil M.; Ruth B., who married Leander Starr; Mary, who married John Hazelton; Martha, who died aged twenty-two years; and Elizabeth, who never married, and survived all the other members of the family.

Hon. Sylvester H. Thompson, father of Sherman P., was born July 28, 1808, on the old homestead, and attended the preparatory school in the Western Reserve. He was reared as a farmer and when twenty-two years old began farming on his own account. On May 14, 1832, he was married to Caroline D. Peck, who was born December 6, 1808, at Waterbury, Connecticut. She met Sylvester H. Thompson, whom she subsequently married, while on a visit to her brother at Hudson. She died November 23, 1876, having been the mother of seven children, as follows: Charles S., now deceased; Sherman P., whose name begins this sketch; Martha E., who married P. G. Clark and resides at Cleveland; Theodore F., residing in Akron; Albert S., residing at Cleveland; and two died in childhood. Judge Thompson died January 15, 1883, aged seventy-four years, five months and seventeen days.

After his marriage, Sylvester H. Thompson went to farming on a tract of land for which his father paid $420. He soon gained the esteem of his fellow-citizens, and was called upon to hold office more or less all through his life. He served first as assessor, and in other positions, and then was elected justice of the peace, an office he resigned within one year in order to accept an appointment as associate judge. He served in this latter capacity from 1845 until the office was abolished by the new state constitution in 1851. In 1864 he was appointed commissioner of the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad. For thirteen years he was connected with the City Bank of Akron. In all things he worked faithfully for the good of the community, and the annals of this section of Summit County show his usefulness and prominence in public affairs.

Sherman Peck Thompson was born on the farm now occupied by Judge Phillips, and was there reared until six years of age, when his father settled on what is now the Townsend farm, west of the depot, in Hudson. He resided until September 12, 1861, on this place, which he purchased from his brother in 1862. He has erected all the buildings except a part of his residence, and, distributed over his property, he has fifteen houses and barns, besides a number of silos. He rents three properties in Cleveland. When he came here first he had 130 acres, which he has increased to 335, the larger part of the property being under the capable management of his son. Dairying has been made a specialty, and at one time as many as seventy milch cows were kept. His land is well adapted to the growing of both wheat and potatoes, and

Mr. Thompson recalls that one year he harvested 7,000 bushels of the tubers. His orchards have also been great producers. The history of apple-growing in this section is interesting. The first apples were probably grown on the old Dr. Thompson place, trees having been produced from seeds taken from a piece of pomace, which Dr. Thompson inadvertently picked up when he stopped to feed his ox-team, when coming through Pennsylvania in 1801. The wonderful vitality of the seeds were shown by their producing trees, some of which are still living. The late Judge Thompson remembered the appearance of one apple that was grown in 1813, and what a temptation it was to the eager children who scarcely permitted it to reach perfection.

In early manhood Mr. Thompson was married to Cordelia M. Chamberlain, who was born in Hudson Township, north of Hudson, and is a daughter of Amos and Jerusha (Crane) Chamberlain. Her father came to Ohio from Winchester, Connecticut, before he had attained maturity. William Chamberlain, Mrs. Thompson's grandfather, emigrated from England to Connecticut, in 1780, and with his wife came to Ohio in 1809, settling on a farm in Hudson Township, where he lived until the death of his wife, when he made his home with his son Amos. The latter married Jerusha Crane, who was born at Salisbury, Connecticut, and they had ten children as follows: Horace, residing in Northfield Township; Harris, residing on the old John Brown farm in Hudson; Schyler, also residing on the Brown farm; Mark, who died in infancy; Laura, who married Mr. Egbert, and resides in Bedford; Mrs. Jerusha Baldwin, a resident of Akron; Orville, residing at Freedom; Catherine, who is unmarried, residing at Hudson; Cordelia M., who married Sherman P. Thompson; and Henry, who married Mary Thompson. Amos Chamberlain had a farm of 288 acres, the larger part of which he cleared himself. The family settled in a log house there at a time when wolves and bears were very plentiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had five children, namely: Charles Sylvester, born at Hudson, Ohio, February 18, 1864, died February 6, 1879; Eddie S., born April 17, 1866, died young; Frederick Sherman, born January 4, 1868, was married to Lillian M. Terry, October 18, 1893, who died April 23, 1898, leaving two children—Carroll, born October 24, 1894, and Lynn M., born April 19, 1898; Caroline Estella, born August 28, 1870, died May 28, 1879; and Corda May, born May 8, 1876, who married Carl Case Scott, October 9, 1901, and has two children —Sherman and Dorothy. Their home is within one and one-half miles of Hudson.

Mr. Thompson is independent in politics. Formerly he was identified with the Republican party, but voted with the Democratic party during Mr. Bryan's first campaign, since which time he has been disconnected from both of the leading political organizations. He has never sought political preferment for himself.

EBER HAWKINS,* president of the Board of County Commissioners of Summit County, and a member of one of the old pioneer families of this part of Ohio, was born in Summit County, April 5, 1840, and is a son of Ira and Phoebe (Jones) Hawkins.

The father of Mr. Hawkins was born near Bridgewater, Vermont, and his mother was a native of the State of New York. She came of a distinguished family of Revolutionary stock and she was the first school teacher in Akron. Ira Hawkins was one of the very early settlers and for twenty-one years he was superintendent of the Ohio Canal. The latter years of their lives Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins spent on their farm in Portage Township. They had four children, namely: R. W., now deceased, formerly a merchant at Auburn, Illinois; O. P. Hawkins, residing in Kansas; Eber; and Addie, deceased.

Eber Hawkins was reared in Portage Township and obtained his education in the neighboring schools. Shortly after his marriage he moved to Akron, but in 1870 located at Richfield, where he was engaged in farming for a time. He subsequently went out on

the road as traveling representative of the Aultman-Miller Company, with which he continued for twenty-four years. His election to the responsible office of a commissioner of Summit County, took place in the fall of 1900 and he assumed its duties in 1901 and is now serving his fourth year as president of the board.

On April 26, 1865, Mr. Hawkins was married to Clara Sweet, who is a daughter of the late Richard Sweet, who was an early settler in Richland Township, Summit County. They have three children, namely: Mrs. Janette Farnham, Richard S., residing in Illinois, and Nellie, residing at home.

P. C. HUBER,* vice-president of the J. Koch Company, the largest clothing enterprise at Akron, is interested also in other successful business concerns of this city and vicinity. Mr. Huber was born in Germany, June 5, 1845, and was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. His father established the family home at Clinton, Ohio, and there he was reared and attended school. Later he worked on the home farm and in the coal mines, but as his inclinations lay in an entirely different direction, in 1871 he came to Akron, and entered the employ of George Rosentahl, a clothing merchant, in the capacity of clerk, remaining there for six years. For three years subsequently he was with the firm of Hoffman & Moss. In 1882, in partnership with a brother, Mr. Huber started a shoe store at Doylestown, Ohio, which they operated together for six years, although Mr. P. C. Huber, after a stay of one year at Doyleston, returned to Hoffman & Moss and remained with that firm until it sold out to J. Koch & Company.

On February 1, 1907, the J. Koch Company was incorporated with Louis Loeb as president; P. C. Huber, as vice-president; and S. M. Goldsmith as secretary and manager. Mr. Huber has been identified with the present business for twenty years and has labored faithfully in its interest before becoming one of its officials.

In 1875, Mr. Huber was married to Anna Williams, of Wayne County, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Nellie M., who is the wife of William N. Fitch, paymaster for the Diamond Rubber Company.

Mr. Huber is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and for years has served on its official board. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, is treasurer of the Uniform Rank, and trustee of Aetotia Lodge, while he is also a member of the board of directors of both lodges, and has served as chairman. Mr. Huber's standing in the business world is of such an honorable character that it cannot be assailed.

JULIUS FRANK,* a leading citizen and township trustee of Portage Township, Summit County, Ohio, who is proprietor of the Tip Top Poultry and Fruit Farm, a tract of sixteen acres on Sherbondy Hill, adjoining the old Wooster road, was born February 1, 1850, in Germany, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Heintz) Frank.

Julius Frank was but seven years of age when his father died, and he was left an orphan when ten years old by the death of his mother. Of the five children of his parents, two brothers, Charles, an electrician, and William, a shoemaker, live in Germany, while his two sisters, Minnie, who married August Waxter, and Carrie, single, came to America. Until he was fourteen years of age, Julius Frank attended school and resided with his guardian, and at this time learned the wood turner's trade, at which he worked for five years in Germany. Until 1879, he traveled as a journeyman at this trade, and in this year came to America, locating first at Pittsburg, from whence he went to Braddock, Pennsylvania, where for three years he was employed in the Carnegie Steel Works. After his marriage, Mr. Frank conducted a bird store for six months, and then went to Stewartson, Shelby County, Illinois, with the intention of buying a farm, but not liking the country, after four months he settled in Akron, Ohio, and purchased a home on South Bowery Street. For one year he worked at his trade with Baker and McMillan, and for

several years was in the employ of the Akron Iron and Steel Company, then becoming employed by the Goodrich Rubber Company, with whom he continued for sixteen years as a rubber turner. In 1898 Mr. Frank purchased his present farm, then a tract of fourteen acres, to which he has added two acres, and in the following April located thereon. For the past twenty-two years Mr. Frank has engaged in poultry raising, having started that industry as a side issue, but since settling in the country he has made a specialty of raising Hamburg, Polish and Bantam poultry, which he has exhibited at various poultry shows, where he received premiums, including the Pan-American Exposition, the St. Louis Exposition, and poultry shows at New York City, Chicago, Washington, D. C., and Cleveland. Mr. Frank also grows a great deal of fruit, especially berries, which he disposes of in the retail markets.

In 1884 Mr. Frank was married to Maria King, who was born at Newton Falls, Ohio, and is a daughter of William King. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank, namely: Otto, who is engaged in teaming, owning his own team; Nelson A., who attends the Ohio Law University, at Columbus, Ohio; and Harry, who will be a graduate of the Akron High School in 1908. Mr. Frank has served as township trustee since 1899, having been elected to that office the year after his arrival here. He is a member of the National Union. With his family he attends the German Lutheran Church.

HON. CHARLES W. KEMPEL,* mayor of Akron, serving in his second term, is a progressive and enterprising young man who has mainly made his way in the world and secured public position and esteem through his own personal ability. He was born at Akron, May 22, 1863, and is a son of Adam and Barbara (Gonder) Kempel. The parents of Mayor Kempel were born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America in 1844, in the same year settling in Akron. The father died in this city in 1901. The family consisted of twelve children.

Mayor Kempel was educated in the public schools of Akron and when old enough began to make his own living. He was in the clothing business for fourteen years and after retiring from it was engaged in sign-writing, having developed a special talent for this work in advancing his clothing interests. From early manhood he has been active in Democratic politics, and in 1903, he was nominated and elected by that party mayor of Akron. So well did he guide the municipal ship that his re-election followed in 1905, and it is generally conceded that few cities of its size have a more efficient administration than Akron has at the present time.

Mayor Kempel was married to Nellie M. Bushnell, who is a daughter of T. Bushnell. They have a pleasant home at No. 111 Beck avenue. Fraternally, Mayor Kempel is associated with the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Woodmen, the Maccabees, the Protective Home Circle and other societies. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

EDWARD D. COX,* the owner and operator of a tract of 100 acres of excellent farming land in Norton Township, was born September 9, 1860, in Franklin Township, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Christopher and Mary (Chisnell) Cox. Christopher Cox was born in Fayette County, Ohio, from whence he came to Green Township, Summit County, at the age of nineteen years. Leaving home with five dollars in his pocket, he walked most of the way to his sister's home in Green Township, where he worked one summer on the farm and taught two winter terms in the district school. After his marriage Mr. Cox engaged in farming, his first property being in Green Township, on which he operated for two years, and after a like period spent on another farm in the same township, removed to Franklin Township, and purchased the old Ludwig farm. Being a hard-working, industrious man, he soon began to accumulate property and at the time of his death, March 20, 1903, his holdings aggregated over 1,100 acres. Mr. Cox was married in Green Township to Mary Chis-

nell, whose death occurred in August, 1889. Of this union there were eleven children, ten of whom still survive.

Edward D. Cox was reared and educated in Franklin township, where he resided until his marriage, since which time he has lived on his present farm in Norton Township, on which he has erected good substantial buildings. About thirty acres of the farm were cleared by Mr. Cox himself. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is considered one of the good, practical agriculturists of the township and a valued and public-spirited citizen. On December 4, 1884, Mr. Cox was married to Leora High, who is a daughter of Alem High and sister of U. G. High, county treasurer of Summit County. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox there have been born nine children, eight of whom survive, namely: Grace, who attends a summer school at Ada, Ohio, and teaches school in the winter terms; Gertrude; Ethel; Blanche, who died at the age of twelve years; Ferne; Gladys; Florence; Raymond; and Mary.

JOHN MEMMER,* senior member of the insurance firm of John Memmer & Son, at Akron, has been an active business man of this city since 1861. He was born at Suffield, Portage County, Ohio, June 14, 1839, and is a son of David and Margaret (Archart) Memmer.

John Memmer was reared on the paternal farm and obtained his education in the district schools and in the private school taught by Professor Fitzgerald, at Cleveland. During this time he became well acquainted in that city and followed his school term by clerking in a grocery store and in a confectionery store for some five years. On March 1, 1861, he came to Akron and established a business which he followed for seven and a half years, opening up a confectionery store at No. 137 Howard Street. In 1868 he inaugurated his present business and for almost twenty-five years his establishment on the corner of Main and Market Streets was the home of large insurance interests. Since admitting his son, George W., to partnership the firm style has been, John Memmer & Son. They do a large business in fire, life and accident insurance and Mr. Memmer has other interests, including membership on the directing board of the Central Savings & Trust Company, of Akron. He is president of the Akron Odd Fellows Temple Company.

On August 22, 1880, Mr. Memmer was married to Louisa Boyer, who was born at Cleveland, Ohio, and died at Akron, December 29, 1904. They had five children, as follows: Laura, now deceased; Nellie M., also deceased; Ida May, who is the wife of Alexander W. Maynes, of Akron; George W., junior member of the insurance firm of John Memmer & Son; and Louise, wife of Mr. E. A. Palmer. The handsome family home is located at No. 410 East Market Street. Mr. Memmer has always been actively interested in politics and has served on the City Council of Akron. He is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, holding membership in the latter order in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He is one of the best known residents of the city of Akron.

EDWARD P. LAUBACH,* residing on his excellent farm of 135 acres, which is situated on the Wadsworth-Akron highway, one-half mile east of Loyal Oak, in Norton Township, was born in this Township, February 24, 1868, and is a son of Edward and Lavina (Dewateh) Laubach. Edward Laubach was reared and married in Pennsylvania, and came to Norton Township accompanied by his wife and two children. He settled at the village of Loyal Oak when his son, Edward P., was a few months old, moving from the farm of 145 acres, and placing it under rental while he engaged in the operating of a sawmill in the town. His mill was twice burned to the ground and each time he rebuilt it. The structure still stands, but Mr. Laubach sold it prior to removing to Akron, where he now lives retired.

Edward P. Laubach has always lived in Norton Township, with the exception of two years which he spent in Fulton County, his parents having resided there from 1890 until

1903. He was educated in the common schools and has made farming his chief occupation. In the spring of 1895 he settled on his present farm, which he has since continued to operate. It is fine, tillable land and yields good returns for the labor expend on it. On October 24, 1894, Mr. Laubach was married to Fretta E. Bauer, a daughter of Joseph D. and Sarah E. Bauer, and they have two children, Mahlon George and Maud. Mr. Laubach and wife belong to the Reformed Church at Loyal Oak, in which he fills the office of deacon. He is one of the township's honorable men and most successful farmers.

HON. ERNEST L. FILLIUS,* mayor of Hudson, ex-county commissioner of Summit County, and head of the firm of Fillius & Company, at Hudson, is a prominent citizen who is well and favorably known all through this section. Ernest L. Fillius was born in Hudson Township, Summit County, Ohio, May 20, 1856, and is a son of Philip and Anna (Keyes) Fillius.

Philip Fillius, the grandfather of Mayor Fillius, accompanied by his three sons, John, Jacob and Philip, came from Baden-Baden, Germany, and reached Cleveland, Ohio, in 1832, with considerable capital. They were looking for a suitable investment and had the opportunity of buying land which now is worth thousands of dollars on Euclid Avenue, for $18 an acre, but to them it looked too light for farming purposes. They remained at Cleveland for two years, looking around in the meantime, and in 1834 the grandfather bought 600 acres of land in Hudson Township, Summit County, on which he continued to live during the rest of his life.

Philip Fillius the second, son of Philip and father of Ernest L., married Anna Keyes, who had come from Germany in her youth. There were nine children born to this union, all of whom still survive, proclaiming a vigorous ancestry. Their names and places of residence are as follows: Mrs. Katherine Corbett, residing at Bethany, Missouri; John, residing in San Francisco; Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, residing at Kansas City, Kansas; Philip, residing at Reading, California; Mrs. Josephine Nesbitt, residing in Northfield Township; Jacob, residing at Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ella Sherman, residing at Augusta, Michigan; Charles, residing at Warren, Ohio; and Ernest L., of Hudson.

Ernest L. Fillius takes justifiable pride in the fact that he is what may be termed a self-made man. It fell to him, as the youngest member of the family, to remain on the home farm, southeast of the city of Hudson, and to care for his parents. He lived at home but began working on the outside when fourteen years of age, in the meanwhile attending the district school as opportunity offered. In 1890 he came to Hudson and his advent into the milling business was due to a rather unusual circumstance. He was called on to sit on a jury in a damage suit, where the plaintiff, a miller, sought redress for damages to the mill-race, and in proving his case it was necessary to show his profit on a barrel of flour. This brought the subject to Mr. Fillius's attention and convinced him that there was money in the milling business. Consequently he laid his plans for several years and the result was the establishing of the firm of Fillius & Company, the ownership of the business being invested in Ernest L. Fillius and the estate of H. H. Chamberlain. The old mill standing on the present site was torn down and a modern building of brick took its place, which is equipped with the best improved machinery. Fillius & Company are merchant millers and wholesale and retail dealers in flour, feed, hay, grain, coal, brick, hollow brick, cement, salt, sewer pipe and drain tile.

Mr. Fillius has been a prominent factor in politics for the past fifteen years serving almost continuously in office for that period. He has served in the Town Council and later was elected county commissioner on the Democratic ticket, serving one term, but as the county is normally largely Republican, he was defeated for re-election. He was elected treasurer of Hudson Township and later mayor of Hudson and held both offices for

several terms, and at present is completing his third term as mayor. His administration has been marked with many forward strides for Hudson and in every way he can point to a creditable record. He was also put forward by the Democratic party as its candidate for sheriff and came nearer than any other of his organization to overcome the Republican majority.

On August 18, 1880, Mayor Fillius was married to Irene Carson, who was born at Galesburg, Michigan, where her people lived prior to her marriage, although originally they were from Ohio. They have two children, Florence and Helen. The former married George Patterson, residing at Cleveland, and they have one child. The latter resides at home and is bookkeeper for the mill company. Mr. Fillius is a member of the Hudson lodge of Knights of Pythias.

ARTHUR R. SHAW,* a prominent citizen of Johnson's Corners, and half owner of a farm of sixty-three acres, situated in Norton Township, on which are located the famous Pebble Rock stone quarries, was born August 10, 1866, in the very house in which he now lives. It is an historic old mansion, built by one of the pioneers more than 100 years ago. His parents were George and Haretta (Douglas) Shaw. George Shaw was born in Medina County, Ohio, April 13, 1835, and was seven years old when his parents brought him to Johnson's Corners. His father, Joshua T. Shaw, came to Ohio from New York, when he was a young man, and in the old home mentioned above the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of Arthur R. Shaw died. There were three children born to George Shaw and his wife: Georgia, who died in infancy, Arthur R., and Bert. For three years during the Civil War, George Shaw was a soldier and was leader of a brigade band. He survived all the dangers and harships of that stormy time, and died at his home, June 20, 1902. His widow still survives.

Arthur R. Shaw was reared at Johnson's Corners and acquired a common school education. For several years in early manhood he followed farming and then traveled one year as a representative of a grocery house, for a time dealt in real estate and then turned to developing his quarries, which he owns in partnership with his brother Bert Shaw. The farm formerly contained 120 acres, fifty-seven having been sold in the spring of 1907. The Pebble Rock quarries are widely known, the output being very large. The Shaws have installed a gas engine and crusher, and give employment to fifteen men. They have excellent transportation facilities, having built a siding running down to the Belt Railroad line and their facilities are such that they can ship on four lines. They are energetic and progressive business men. Mr. Shaw was married to Inza C. Miller, who is a daughter of A. W. Miller, of Akron, and they have had six children, of whom George, the eldest, lived but one year. The survivors are: Stanley, Hattie, Arthur, Esther and Leslie M.

GEORGE H. HELFER,* formerly a well known business man of Akron, was born January 25, 1820, at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Christopher and Lydia (Helman) Helfer.

The parents of Mr. Helfer were born in Pennsylvania, the mother being of Scotch, and the father of German ancestry. In 1820 they moved to Ohio and settled in Congress Township, Wayne County, where Christopher Helfer followed the trade of shoemaker. In 1840 he turned his attention to farming and bought property in Congress Township, where he spent the rest of his life. His children were: Mrs. Royce Sommerton, George H., Mrs. Stephen Collins, Mrs. Parker Campbell, Daniel and Mrs. Joseph Sharp.

George H. Helfer was an infant when the family made the overland journey from Pennsylvania to Ohio in the winter of 1820. He attended school pretty regularly until he was fourteen years of age, when he became a clerk in a dry goods store, in which capacity he worked for nine years. In 1843 he entered into partnership with Mr. Pancoast, and the firm of Pancoast and Helfer was engaged in a dry goods business in Congress Township

until 1847, when Mr. Helfer bought Mr. Pancoast's interest, and continued at the same place for two years more. In 1849 he sold out and came to Akron, entering into general business in this city as senior member of the firm of Helfer and Sechrist. This firm continued until 1867, when Clinton Helfer bought the interest of Mr. Seehrist and the firm style then became Helfer & Son, and no change was made until 1877, when the younger partner became sole proprietor. Mr. Helfer was one of the original stockholders in the Akron Iron Company and he now entered the office of this concern as shipping clerk, a position he filled for twenty-one years. He was one of the first druggists at Akron, and for many years was an extensive local dealer in coal. He retired from business in 1898.

Mr. Helfer was married (first) to Mary Elgin, who was born in Wayne County, a daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Elgin. Of the five children of this marriage, the only survivor is Clinton E. Mr. Helfer was married (second) to Rebecca Luce, of Wayne County, who is a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Luce. The four survivors of the five children born to this marriage are: William A., Emma (Mrs. Clarence Rudolph), Edwin W. and Minnie B. (Mrs. Henry Adams). Politically, Mr. Helfer was affiliated with the Republican party from its birth.

GEORGE HEER,* superintendent of the plant of the Wellman, Seaver, Morgan Company, at Akron, is serving in his second year in this capacity. He was born in 1875, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, but was reared and educated at Alliance, Ohio. After leaving school, he served an apprenticeship in the machine shops of the Morgan Engineering Company, at Alliance, following which he was with the Harris Automatic Printing Company, of Niles, Ohio, later with the Lloyd Booth Engineering Company, of Youngstown, for four months, and with the Diamond Match Company, of Barberton, for one year. Mr. Heer then entered the Sterling Boiler Works, where his training was severe and practical. He remained there until September, 1901, when he entered the Cleveland office of his present firm, where he continued three years as an inspector, after which he came to Akron as assistant superintendent, later becoming superintendent of the whole plant. Mr. Heer is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM A. HELFER,* proprietor of the Imperial greenhouses at No. 565 Bowery Street, Akron, is one of the enterprising business men of this city. He was born July 24, 1860, at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of the late George H. and Rebecca (Luce) Helfer.

The grandparents of Mr. Helfer were the first of the family to come to Ohio. They were natives of Pennsylvania and they crossed the mountains in the winter of 1820 and settled at Millbrook, Wayne County. Grandfather Christopher Helfer was a shoemaker by trade, but he later became a landowner and farmer in Congress Township. Of his six children, the late George H. Helfer was the second in order of birth.

George H. Helfer was born at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1820. Until 1849 he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Wayne County and then settled at Akron, where he became the senior partner in the general mercantile firm of Helfer and Sechrist, which continued until 1867, when Clinton Helfer, the eldest son of George H., purchased Mr. Sechrist's interest. The firm continued Helfer and Son until 1877, when Clinton H. bought his father's interest and still conducts the business. For some twenty-one succeeding years Mr. Helfer was associated with the Akron Iron Company, of which he had long been a stockholder.

George H. Helfer was married (first) to Mary Elgin and they had five children, Clinton E. being the only present survivor. Mr. Helfer was married (second) to Rebecca Luce, who was born in Wayne County and is a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Luce. Five children were born to the second marriage, the four survivors being: William A.,

Emma, Mrs. Clarence Rudolph; Edwin W., and Minnie B. (Mrs. Henry Adams).

William H. Helfer was educated in the Akron schools and subsequently entered the Akron Iron Company, where he learned the practical details of the business and became a skilled workman. Later he became shipping clerk, and remained with the company for five years as general foreman of the polishing department. He then went into the retail coal trade, which he followed from 1885 until March 1, 1897. In the meantime he had permitted his natural inclinations to dominate his future business career, from boyhood having been interested in the growth of flowers and plants. He sold his coal business in 1895 and erected his modern greenhouses which are situated at No. 565 South Bowery Street. He soon found himelf forced, in order to meet the demands of his trade, to greatly enlarge his capacity, and he now has six houses and does the largest business in his line in Summit County, giving constant employment to four skilled men. The business includes the growing of cut flowers and plants, fine decorating being a specialty. Baskets, bouquets and designs are made to order and weddings, parties and funerals are supplied. On June 25, 1893, Mr. Helfer was married to Hattie May Rothrock, who died January 1, 1902. She was a daughter of William H. and Sarah (Messer) Rothrock, prominent residents of Akron. Politically Mr. Helfer is identified with the Republican party but he has never sought political honors. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Woodmen. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which his late wife was also identified.

CHARLES B. CARR, M. D.,* physician and surgeon, has been a resident of Barberton since 1890, and can almost lay claim to being one of the oldest inhabitants, as the town was then being just laid out. Dr. Carr was born July 25, 1861, in East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of David F. and Sarah E. (Boydston) Carr.

The father of Dr. Carr was a farmer and stockraiser and the boyhood of the future physician was spent in learning the details of agriculture, while securing a good primary education in the local schools. Later, after a literary course at Smithville, in Wayne County, he entered the university at Wooster. His inclination and ambition being in the direction of medicine as a profession, he made the necessary preparation and then entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1890. He came to Barberton July 14, of the same year, which fact makes him the oldest physician in point of service, in the town, having practiced here continuously ever since, with the exception of the years 1893 and 1894, when he practiced at Youngstown. His reputation as physician and surgeon has carried his name all over Summit County, and he is often called into consultation at distant points. He is a member of the American Medical Association and of the Summit County Medical Society. For some seven years he served as surgeon for the Erie Railroad. On February 14, 1904, Dr. Carr was married to Mary H. Morgan, of Shreve, Ohio, who is a daughter of John Morgan, a well-known citizen. They have two sons, Charles B. and Otis Paul. Dr. Carr owns a large amount of valuable property at Kenmore, where he has a beautiful summer home, in which he has resided since 1905, and he is making preparations to build residences on his lots in this section.

PERRY DELAZEN HARDY,* the owner of 103 acres of fine farming land in Northampton Township, who has been prominent in the agricultural, educational and political affairs of this section of Summit County for many years, was born in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio, April 11, 1834, and is a son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Reed) Hardy.

Nathaniel Hardy, the grandfather of Perry D., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in which he lost a leg. He came from New York State to Northampton Township, Ohio, at an early day, and lived here retired for the

rest of his life being a pensioner. Nathaniel, his son, father of Perry D., was born in Massachusetts, October 11, 1795, went to Western New York as a child, and when sixteen years old came to the vicinity of Old Portage, Summit County, Ohio, where his first employment was farming. Later he assisted in building several locks on the Ohio Canal, and after the completion of that waterway, erected, and for many years conducted a hotel and small store at Yellow Creek Basin, now known as Botzum Station. Mr. Hardy subsequently engaged in farming, purchasing 250 acres of land in Northampton Township, east of the Cuyahoga River. After cultivating it successfully for many years, he sold it to his sons, William and Norton R. For a long period Mr. Hardy served as justice of the peace and was active in ridding the township of many disreputable characters and practices. Mr. Hardy was married in 1824 to Rebecca Reed, who was born June 11, 1805, at Delaware, Ohio, and to them were born eight children: Caroline, who married Jasper Drake; William; Norton Rice; Perry Delazen; Mary, who married (first) Champion Belden and (second) Hiram Ayres, and resides in Akron; Harriet, who is the widow of Henry Hall, of Akron; Clarissa, who is the wife of Charles Walters of Cuyahoga Falls; and Nathaniel, Jr. Of this family Caroline and William are deceased. The father of these children died December 4, 1866, his wife having passed away July 11, 1865.

Perry Delazen Hardy received his education in the primitive log schoolhouse of his district, and was reared on the home farm. Early in life his energy and tenacity of purpose earned for him the nickname of "Commodore Perry," and this was later changed to that of "Old Zach," after General Zachary Taylor, the hero of the Mexican War. During the Civil War Mr. Hardy was very active in raising bounty money and securing recruits for the Union Army, and served as constable for several years, during which time by his vigilance he succeeded in ridding the township of a gang of toughs known as the "Norwegians." For eight or nine years he served as school director of District No. 9, being for one year president and the remainder of the time clerk, was township trustee for four years, and ex-officio member of the Board of Education, securing after a long fight, a schoolhouse, for his district of the township. Mr. Hardy remained on the home farm until 1858, when he purchased fifty-five acres of farming land in Northampton Township, to which he has added from time to time by purchase until now he owns about 106 acres. He marketed large quantities of hay and wheat and did a large dairy business, his milk being sold at the cheese factory, but he has now retired from active pursuits and is renting his property. For thirty years he was engaged in selling agricultural implements, traveling through Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, and during all this time did a large business on his own account.

In 1854 Mr. Hardy was married to Elizabeth A. Lanphier, who was a daughter of Albert Lanphier, of Coddingberg, Ohio, and to this union there were born nine children, six of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Ida S., born October 2, 1855, who was married October 1, 1888, to William Darrow, of Hudson; Harry B., born November 1, 1857, who resides in Portage Township; Willis Perry, born December 12, 1865, was married September 18, 1887, to Ida Lilley, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Nellie B., born July 2, 1869, who is the wife of William Walters of Northampton Township; Myrtle I., born December 18, 1871, who is the wife of Dennis Clements of Akron; and Vinton M., who was born January 1, 1874, and resides in Akron. The mother of these children died April 11, 1907, after a long and painful illness. She had borne her suffering with patience, and passed away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hardy completed a new home to replace the one totally destroyed by fire in 1905, in which he lost his violin, bass viol and several other stringed instruments. From boyhood he had been a lover of music and was very proficient on the violin, often playing at dances in the early days. He is known to be one of Northamp-

ton's foremost citizens and he stands deservedly high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens.

GOTTLIEB VONGUNTEN,* one of the self-made men of Copley Township, Summit County, Ohio, the products of whose fine 138-acre truck farm find a ready sale in the markets of Akron, was born in April, 1858, in Switzerland, where his father followed agricultural pursuits all of his life.

Mr. Vongunten lost his parents when a boy of twelve or thirteen years of age, and when nineteen years old he came to America, locating at once in Wayne County, Ohio, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade, an occupation which he had learned in his native country. Two years later he returned to Switzerland, but in a few months he again came to America, bringing with him his three sisters and one brother. He worked at odd jobs in Wayne County until his marriage, when he removed to Ashtabula County, Ohio, purchasing a small farm, which he later sold in order to rent a much larger property. After living there for ten years Mr. Vongunten and his family came to Summit County, where he purchased ten acres of land located in Portage Township, but in October, 1901, he came to his present property, buying at first ten acres, the balance being purchased in 1906. On this fertile tract, the old Sackett farm, Mr. Vongunten has carried on truck farming to the present time and his onions, celery and other small vegetables are of the finest grown in the county. He has always made a point of thoroughly cleansing his produce before putting it on the market, and for this purpose keeps large vats of running water, through which everything passes before leaving his hands. His success is due to his own industry and earnest efforts, and he is respected and esteemed as one of the representative agriculturists of Copley Township.

In March, 1882, Mr. Vongunten was married to Anna Hein, also a native of Switzerland, who came to America as a girl of twenty years, her parents having died some years previously. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vongunten, namely: Fred, who conducts a dairy, married Mary With, and has one child—Ruth Anna; Edward; Mary, who married P. Dockus, has one child—Mabel Anna; Christ; Emma; Elizabeth; Ernst; Clara; William, and Herman. With his family Mr. Vongunten attends the Apostolic Christian Church.

CHARLES E. PERKINS,* chief engineer of the public works at Akron, is a graduate of the School of Mines of Columbia College, New York, and has had many years of practical experience in his line of work. He was born May 7, 1850, at Akron, and is a son of Col. Simon Perkins, one of the early settlers of this region. Charles E. Perkins was educated and trained in his specialty in the Western Reserve College, the Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, New York, and later at Columbia College. Upon his return to Akron he was made city engineer and served as such from 1873 to 1877 inclusive. From 1878 until 1883, he conducted an agricultural warehouse business at Akron. In October, 1883, he was elected county surveyor, and was re-elected in 1886 and again in 1889. He stands at the head of his profession in Akron and fills the most responsible position, in his line, in the gift of his fellow-citizens. On January 14, 1880, Mr. Perkins was married to May Adams, who is a daughter of Frank Adams, of Akron.

JOHN S. BARLET,* one of the representative citizens of Green Township, Summit County, Ohio, who in addition to farming twenty acres of fine land, has been in the auctioneering business for the past thirty years, was born December 5, 1848, in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of William and Harriet (Sommon) Barlet. William Barlet was a native of Pennsylvania, and there learned the trade of lime burner. On December 9, 1862, he brought his family to Ohio, and the train on which they traveled was frequently side-tracked to allow the train-loads of soldiers going to the

front to pass. The family came immediately from Canton to Green Township, where Mr. Barlet rented a farm from Jacob King for five years, and then purchased a home at Greensburg, where he died at the age of seventy-six years, his wife having passed away in 1895 when sixty-seven years old. Mr. Barlet was married to Harriet Sommon, also a native of Pennsylvania, where all their children except the youngest were born. These were: Lydia, deceased, who was the wife of F. Winkelman; John Samuel; Harriet, who married a Mr. Perry; Ellen, who married Benjamin Allman; and Jennie, who married Newman Smith.

John Samuel Barlet attended the old frame district school in his native locality, and remained with his parents until his marriage. When a young man he became a very successful auctioneer, and this occupation he has followed for the past thirty years, having had charge of most of the important sales in this section of the State. In addition to his own twenty acres of land, Mr. Barlet rents fifty-five acres more, and engages in general farming. For the past ten years he has been overseer of the grounds of the Highland Park Camp Meeting Association. In 1869, Mr. Barlet was married to Emma Dickerhoof, who is a daughter of William Dickerhoof, an old Civil War veteran and pioneer of Summit County, who was killed on a railroad. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barlet, namely: Effie May, who married Charles Leonard, of the O'Neil Boiler Works, Akron, has one child—Harold; Harvey, foreman of the Akron Linolenm Works, is married and has two children, Myrtle and Dorothy; Lloyd, a farmer and auctioneer in business with his father, married Catherine Stark; and Ward, foreman of the Diamond Rubber Works at Akron, who married Lovina Fessler.

J. DWIGHT PALMER,* one of Akron's native sons and prominent business men, was born in this city in 1867, a son of R. F. Palmer. He was reared in Akron and graduated from the High School in 1886. For some time after leaving school, Mr. Palmer traveled for his health, mainly through the New England States, but when prepared to enter into business life, he returned to his native city and shortly afterward became connected with the collection department of the Aultman-Miller Company, with which he continued for eighteen years. On severing his relations with that firm he decided to remain in the collection business, in which he had become experienced, and in December, 1904, he established the J. D. Palmer Collecting Agency, which he has successfully operated ever since. Mr. Palmer is a prominent factor in local politics, being a leading Republican, and at the present writing, has just received the nomination for councilman, from the Second Ward. He has every qualification for a first-class city official, being public-spirited, judicious and popular. In 1897, Mr. Palmer was married to Jeannette Groesel, who is a daughter of G. A. Groesel, of Akron, and they have two sons: Roland F. and George A. Mr. Palmer is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, in which order he has advanced as far as the commandery.

SOWARAS GOUGLER,* a highly respected citizen and successful farmer, residing on an excellent property of 140 acres in Coventry Township, not only owns this valuable farm but also a tract of twenty-five acres which is situated across the line in Springfield Township. Mr. Gougler was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1856, and is a son of Daniel and Phoebe (Arnold) Gougler.

Daniel Gougler was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Tilden Gougler, whose whole life was passed in Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of eighty years. His children were: Samuel, Susan, Peggy, George, Mrs. Stoll, Bixy, Daniel, Jacob, Sarah and Mary. Daniel, the seventh member of the above mentioned family, grew up on the farm, and learned

the blacksmith trade. He married Phoebe Arnold, who was born in Snyder County, and in 1870 they came to Ohio, settling at Greensburg for one year, and then moving to near East Liberty, where Mr. Gougler died March 15, 1887, aged fifty-nine years. His widow survives, having reached the age of seventy-four years, and lives on the old homestead near East Liberty. The children of Daniel Gougler and wife were: Sowaras; Louisa, who married Frank Miller; Jacob; Jackson; Maria, who married Julius Gearhart; and Calvin. The whole family, with the exception of Jackson, who lives at Kent, are residents of Summit County.

Sowaras Gougler received his education in the district schools of Snyder County and was about twenty years of age when he accompanied the family to Ohio. He attended school for a short time afterward. He engaged in farming and teaming, driving a team for two years and ten months for Steas & Company, after which he returned to work on the farm.

On November 23, 1876, Mr. Gougler was married to Mary Bettler, who died October 14, 1902, aged forty-seven years. She was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Tritt) Bettler. Mr. and Mrs. Gougler had six children, namely: Frank, who married Susan Spreggle, has three children—Park, Pearl and Dayton—and he lives on a part of his father's land; Elmer; Emma; Daniel; Lulu, and Clara Leona, the last mentioned of whom died aged six months.

Mr. Gougler rented his present farm before he purchased it. In partnership with his brother-in-law, Joseph Bettler, he bought 140 acres, and in 1890, Mr. Gougler bought Mr. Bettler's interest. The house was standing, and this was remodeled and improved and the whole farm was gradually put into as fine shape as it is today. Mr. Gougler has resided right here for the past thirty years and can count all his neighbors as friends. He is a Democrat in his political views, but has never taken any very active part in politics.

F. H. ADAMS,* cashier of the First National Bank of Akron, has been identified with this financial institution for a long period and for the past eleven years has filled the responsible office of cashier. Mr. Adams was born at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, in 1865, and is a son of Frank Adams, who came to Akron as early as 1838 and who still survives, being a representative pioneer citizen.

F. H. Adams was reared in this city, where his father was one of the early manufacturers, and his education was secured in the excellent schools for which Akron has an established reputation. After leaving school, the young man went to Mexico, where he remained for one year interested in mining. He returned to Akron for a short time and then became connected with a large manufacturing concern at Fort Wayne, where he remained for two years. He then returned to Akron in order to become bookkeeper in the First National Bank, with which he has been associated ever since. He is interested also in other prospering enterprises at Akron and is recognized as one of the city's able business men. In 1891, Mr. Adams was married to Frances Robinson, who is a daughter of William Robinson, who was the pioneer manufacturer of sewer pipe at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. His social connections include membership in the Portage Country club.

JOHN F. DICE,* one of Summit County's good, practical farmers, who resides on an excellent farm of ninety acres, located in Franklin Township, was born May 9, 1856, near Manchester, Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of Jeremiah and Caroline (Dissinger) Dice.

Jeremiah Dice, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio as a young man, and for some years was engaged in work on various farms in Franklin Township. He subsequently purchased the farm now operated by John F. Dice, and at the time of his death, February 28, 1904, in his seventy-

seventh year, he was considered a man of ample means. Shortly after coming to Ohio, Mr. Diee was married to Caroline Dissinger, daughter of John Dissinger, one of the early pioneers of this section, and a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Diee, who was born in Ohio, survives her husband. Seven children were born to Jeremiah and Caroline Diee, namely: John Franklin; Mary, who married M. Waltz; William; Alma, who married J. Baughman; Elton; Emma, who married Thomas Sauers; and Marvin.

John F. Diee received his early edueational training in the district sehools of his native township, and here he has spent his entire life in agrieultural pursuits. In asseiation with his mother he owns the home farm of ninety acres, and his eareful eultivation has largely increased its value. On January 31, 1877, Mr. Diee was married to Savilla Snyder, who is a daughter of George and Susan (Kepler) Snyder. Two ehildren have been born to this union, namely: Bertha, who married Clarenee Snyder, residing in Akron; and Irving, who also makes his home at Akron. Mr. Dice is a member of the Reformed Church, of which he is now serving as treasurer. In politieal matters Mr. Dice is a Demoerat, but he has never aspired to public offiee, preferring to give his time and attention to his home interests. He is fraternally conneeted with the Maeeabes.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TRACY.* eapitalist and a leading eitizen of Barberton, is viee-president of the Rubber Produet Company, of this plaee, a large and important industry, and has been for many years identified with the strawboard interests of this seetion of Ohio. Mr. Traey was one of the original settlers at Barberton, eoming to this point in 1879 when the town was founded. Mr. Traey was born in Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio, December 10, 1840, and is a son of Evander and Almeda Tracy. The father of Mr. Tracy was born in the State of New York and the mother in Trumbull county, Ohio. Evander Traey was an early settler in Trumbull County, after marriage moving to Geauga County, where he engaged in farming. Both he and wife died when their son Benjamin F. was young.

Benjamin Franklin Tracy was reared on a farm in his native county, where he resided until 1879. Through boyhood he attended school there and when a young man was married in the same county. When Mr. Tracy left his farm he went first to Akron and then, for a time to Barberton, where he subsequently acquired much land. Mr. Traey about this time entered the employ of the Seiberling Straw Board Company, gathering straw for Mr. Inman, who had the eontraet for that work. After two years in that line he took charge of the straw department of the Straw Board Company, at New Portage. In 1884 he moved to Circleville, where he organized a straw board eompany, remaining there eight years, during which time he had eharge of the straw department. In 1892 he returned to Barberton and after the American Straw Board Company took charge of the New Portage Straw Board Company, he beeame superintendent of all their twenty-five different mills. After settling permanently at Barberton, Mr. Traey erected the fine strueture known as the Tracy Block, three stories in height, 96x100 feet in dimensions, construeted of brick. The eity offiees are all loeated in this bloek. Mr. Tracy was married to Sarah White, and they have one son, Jay W. The latter also resides at Barberton and is asseiated with his father in an extensive real estate business. He married Stella Richards and they have one child, Harriet. Mr. Tracy is a member of the Masonie fraternity.

BERT RODENBAUGH, M. D.,* one of Summit County's rising young medieal praetitioners, who is serving as health offieer of Barberton, Ohio, was born at Thomastown, Summit County, Ohio, in August, 1874, and is a son of N. J. and Nellie (Wagoner) Rodenbaugh, the former a retired school teacher and farmer of Summit County. Dr. Rodenbaugh has one brother, Harry, and one

sister, Mabel, who married Thomas Stahl. Dr. Rodenbaugh attended the common schools of Thomastown and Buchtel College for five years, and after spending several years in the pottery works at Akron, Ohio, he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, and after a four years' course was graduated therefrom in 1902. He immediately located at Barberton, where he engaged in practice alone for a short period, then forming a partnership with his uncle, Dr. N. F. Rodenbaugh, with whom he has since been associated. They are surgeons for the Sterling Boiler Company, the Columbia Cereal Company, the American Sewer Pipe Company, the Diamond Match Company, the Diamond Machine Shop and the Pittsburg Valve Company, all of Barberton. In September, 1905, Dr. Bert Rodenbaugh was elected health officer of Barberton, on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and the State and county medical societies. In January, 1905, Dr. Rodenbaugh was married to Grace Robinson, who was born in Youngstown, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Rodenbaugh reside at their residence, situated at No. 602 West Beard Avenue, Barberton.

GEORGE A. SMEAD,* a leading business man of Akron, is located at No. 65 South Main Street, where he is proprietor of the largest art and wall-paper store in Northern Ohio. He was born in 1882, in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, but was practically reared and educated at Akron. Mr. Smead has been identified with his present line of business ever since his entrance into the industrial world. For two years he was with M. D. Brouse, following which, for three years he was in the wall-paper department of M. O'Neil, and for three years managed the wall-paper store of C. G. Oliver. In June, 1906, he bought the business and conducts the largest wall-paper store in all this section of the State, carrying all grades of paper, and of the simplest to the most expensive and exclusive designs. In connection therewith he also carries on an art department, in which he handles only works of real merit. Many visitors go to his establishment to see the exquisite wall hangings and choice works of art always on exhibition. In 1903, Mr. Smead was married to Elta M. Biltz, who died June 9, 1905, leaving two little sons: Elmer E. and Chester Ray. Mrs. Smead is greatly missed, both in her home and in social circles, where she was a favorite. Mr. Smead is a member of the Wooster Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Royal League, and the Protected Home Circle.

GEORGE V. BILLOW,* president of the Akron Paving and Plastering Company, of Akron, was born in 1854, at Kendallville, Indiana, but he was reared and educated in Williams County, Ohio.

In young manhood, Mr. Billow learned the plastering trade and after removing to Mansfield, Ohio, he was engaged in contracting in plastering, for twenty years, and then he came to Akron, where he did the plaster work on the Post Office, and also work of this kind on many buildings in Cleveland. He did the plaster work on the Hamilton Building and at this time, in 1900, he moved his family to Akron, where he took contracts for plastering the First National Bank, the Library Building, the new Summit County Court-House and other large buildings.

In 1901, Mr. Billow, in partnership with George W. Carmichael and George J. Shaffer, organized the Akron Paving and Plastering Company, locating at No. 262 South Broadway, and this enterprise is already numbered with the important industries of the city.

In 1875, Mr. Billow was married to Alice Bell, of Mansfield, Ohio, who died in 1883, leaving three children, namely: Paul, who is a student in the medical department of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison; George B., residing at Evansville, Indiana; and Grace, who married C. K. Reamer, residing at Akron. Mr. Billow was married (second) July 22, 1885, to Mary McGray, of Holmes County, Ohio, and they have the following

children: Herbert, Alice, Fern, May M., John, Kathryn and Dollie M. Mr. Billow and family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLARD N. FITCH,* who fills the important office of paymaster for the great army of employes connected with the Diamond Rubber Company at Akron, was born in 1872, in Medina County, Ohio, where he obtained a good, common school education and remained until he was twenty years of age.

In 1892, Mr. Fitch came to Akron and for one year worked for the Akron Grocery Company, after which he was with his father for a short time in an insurance business. Following this he entered the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company and eighteen months later became foreman of a special department of the Diamond Rubber Company, a position he filled until 1897, when he became time-keeper. In 1900, Mr. Fitch was made paymaster and as such has entire charge of the pay rolls of this company, handling annually vast sums of money and disbursing the same which is mainly spent in Akron.

In 1898, Mr. Fitch was married to Nellie M. Huber, who is a daughter of P. C. Huber, of the Jacob Koch Company. They have two sons, James Huber and Robert Philip. With his family, Mr. Fitch belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Diamond Rubber Relief Association.

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